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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN WOODSTOCK, VA.,

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-fifth and continued until the afternoon of the thirty-first day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 25th, A. D. 1898, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. D. Miller, from 1 Samuel 2:30—"Them that honor me I will honor."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Hiram J. Hillegass, Aaron Spangler, H. M. John Klein, Charles P. Kehl.[5]

Elder.—Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—William Goodrich, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Henry F. Dittmar, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, William C. Sykes, K. Otis Spessard, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., Hiram J. Macalister, Calvin S. Slagle, Cyrus Cort, D.D., Alexander Bateman, Conrad Clever, D.D.[5]

Elders.—John Gassman, Jacob H. Cost, Lewis R. Schnebly, Atvill Conner, Abraham H. Geiman, Andrew A. Hammar, I. Reynolds Hoffman, Oliver A. Haines, Cyrus Dellinger, Goldsborough S. Griffith, Prof. Joseph H. Apple.[7]

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Henry N. Bassler, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Christian Gumbert, Charles M. Smith, George B. Russell, D.D., Albert H. Hibshman.[3]

Elders.—Thomas G. Zarger, Joseph Fuss, Edward Fogelsonger.[3]

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—R. Raymond Jones, J. Silor Garrison, J. Philip Harner, Abraham D. Wolfinger, Lewis T. Lampe, Henry Ditzler.

Elders.—Jacob Z. Fravel, John S. Crawn, James H. Myers, Theodore H. Davis.[3]

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Jacob C. Leonard, B.D., James D. Andrew.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Milton M. Noacher, John C. Bowman, D.D., J. Marion Mickly, Peter E. Heimer,[3] John F. Mackley, M.D.,[5] Francis S. Lindaman.[7]

Elders.—Abraham J. Guise, William J. Feezer, George W. Weaver, Abraham Hoke,[3] George W. Hartman,[4] Joseph Gelbach.[5]

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—J. David Miller, Titus C. Strock, James M. Mullan, Henry H. Ranck.

Elders.—Robert C. Shulenberger, William H. Rice, Joseph Wolf.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Irwin W. Hendricks, Charles H. Slinghoff, William H. Landis, Homer S. May, Louis C. Harnish, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Simon U. Waugaman.[5]

Elders.—Robert C. Smith, Daniel G. Neff, Amos Bridenstine, Solomon B. Mock, J. Scott Corle, McClelland R. Diehl,[3] Jackson L. Grove.[5]

Note.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the sessions at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick occupied the seat of Rev. A. H. Hibshman during the first two and sixth and seventh sessions of the Synod, and that of Rev. H. N. Bassler during the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions; Rev. E. R. Deatrick that of Rev. C. Clever during the first four and last two sessions of the Synod; and Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and J. May the seats of Revs. R. R. Jones and A. D. Wolfinger during the closing session of the Synod.

Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. C. Bowman obtained leave of absence on Saturday afternoon, and Revs. M. M. Noacher, J. F. Mackley, T. C. Strock, H. S. May, and Elders I. R. Hoffman, J. S. Crawn, A. J. Guise, J. Gelbach, and G. W. Weaver on Monday.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Rev. Henry H. Apple.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, E. Ranson Deatrick, B. D., Barton R. Carnahan, Atvill Conner.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Licentiate William M. Irvine, Ph.D.

Virginia Classis.—Revs. H. St. John Rinker, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Nehemiah H. Skyles, Josiah May, James B. Stonesifer, Albert B. Bauman, Elder John E. Roller.

Gettysburg Classis.—Elders George N. Forney, Jacob H. Schriver.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. Calvin B. Heller.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, T. M. Yundt, Rufus W. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser.

Pittsburg Synod.—Revs. Eugene P. Skyles, David A. Souder, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Ambrose M. Schmidt.

Central Synod.—Rev. John H. Stepler, D.D.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Revs. H. H. Kennedy and J. C. Stump, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the

Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *President,* Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. J. T. Rossiter, *Vice President,* Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk,* Bedford, Pa.

Rev. H. N. Bassler, *Corresponding Secretary,* St. Thomas, Pa.

Rev. I. W. Hendricks, *Reading Clerk,* Bedford Pa.

Elder G. N. Forney, *Treasurer,* Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first nine pews from the chancel railing. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. N. H. Skyles, H. Ditzler, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders J. Z. Fravel, J. S. Crawn.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, H. F. Dittmar, A. Spangler, and Elders A. J. Guise, J. Fuss.

Overtures.—Revs. H. H. Ranck, I. W. Hendricks, S. M. Roeder, and Elders R. C. Shulenberger, L. R. Schnebly.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. C. Leonard, M. M. Noacher, and Elders R. C. Smith, W. H. Rice.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, W. Goodrich, H. M. J. Klein, and Elders A. H. Geiman, J. Wolf.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. D. Miller, L. T. Lampe, J. M. Mickly, and Elders T. G. Zarger, Atvill Conner.

Education.—Revs C. Cort, C. Gumbert, A. D. Wolfinger, and Elders W. J. Feezer, J. S. Corle.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. L. C. Harnish, K. O. Spessard, H. N. Bassler, and Elders J. H. Myers, O. A. Haines.

Missions.—Revs. J. P. Harner, H. J. Macalister, J. D. Andrew, and Elders S. B. Mock, C. Dellinger.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. H. J. Hillegass, W. C. Sykes, R. R. Jones, and Elders G. W. Weaver, A. A. Hammar.

Publication.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, A. F. Dreisbach, J. C. Bowman, and Elders I. R. Hoffman, I. Laucks.

Finance.—Revs. L. E. Coblentz, T. C. Strock, G. B. Russell, and Elders J. Gassman, J. Gelbach.

Nominations.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. S. Garrison, J. M. Mullan, and Elders J. H. Cost, G. S. Griffith.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. C. H. Slinghoff, A. Bateman, H. S. May, and Elders D. G Neff, A. Bridenstine.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday Evening.—Rev. L. E. Coblentz to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. H. S. May and H. H. Ranck. First Topic, "Ministerial Relief." Speakers, Revs. S. S. Miller and F. A. Rupley. Second Topic, "Orphan Homes." Speaker, Rev. T. M. Yundt.

Thursday Evening.—Liturgical Services by Revs. K. O. Spessard and L. T. Lampe. Topic, "Foreign Missions." Speakers, Revs. S. N. Callender and A. F. Dreisbach.

Friday Evening.—Rev. J. C. Leonard to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. G. B. Russell and W. Goodrich. Topic, "Education." Speakers, Revs. A. M. Schmidt, J. H. Apple, and J. C. Bowman.

Saturday Afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. M. Mickly and C. S. Slagle. Sermon by Rev. C. Cort.

Saturday Evening.—Rev. S. M. Roeder to preside. Liturgical services by Revs. J. D. Andrew and J. M. Mullan. Topic, "The Sunday-School." Speakers, Revs. L. C Harnish, P. E. Heimer, and R. W. Miller.

Sunday Morning, at 11 o'clock.—Holy Communion. Liturgical Services by Revs. W. M. Deatrick, F. A. Rupley, and T. F. Hoffmeier. Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

Sunday Afternoon at 3 o'clock.—Sunday-school Service: Superintendent N. B. Schmidt presiding. Addresses by Revs. J. C. Leonard, I. W. Hendricks, and G. B. Russell.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. E. R. Deatrick to preside. Topic, "Home Missions." Speakers, Revs. A. C. Whitmer and H. M. J. Klein.

Lutheran Church.—Sunday Morning. Sermon by Rev. S. S. Miller. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. K. O. Spessard.

Methodist Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Mackley. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. H. J. Macalister.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. J. C. Leonard. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

African Methodist Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. C. H. Slinghoff.

Reformed Church of Edinburg.—Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.

Reformed Church of Harrisville.—Sunday morning.

Sermon by Rev. H. H. Apple. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. C. J. Musser.

Respectfully submitted,
N. H. Skyles, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after a careful inspection of them, to report the following items, in our judgment, as claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 7. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present sessions of the Synod; of which committee Rev. G. P. Stem is chairman.

Item 3, page 16. The Portland-Oregon Classis is dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 4, page 40. A committee is appointed to aid the President of the Woman's College to secure the contemplated endowment of said institution; of which committee Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., is chairman.

Item 5, page 41. The special committee appointed to cooperate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College is continued, of which Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is Chairman.

Item 6, page 42. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, two members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and two members of the Board of Visitors of the same institution, in place of those whose terms of office will shortly terminate, and one member also of the last named Board to fill the vacancy therein caused by the death of the Rev. J. O. Miller.

Item 7, page 51. The "Reformed Church Tidings" is commended anew to the attention of our Classes, with instructions.

Item 8, page 51. The Classes are requested to call the attention of their pastors and pastoral charges to the importance of the Schlatter Memorial Building Fund.

Item 9, page 52. The Synod earnestly requests the Classes to assume the whole amount apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions, to urge all their charges to pay their full apportionments, and commends anew the cause of Foreign Missions to their sympathies, prayers and liberal support.

Item 10, page 52. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service expire with the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 11, page 55. Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Catawba College, Contingent Fund of Synod, and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 12, page 56. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing on apportionments for the Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, and for Chicago Mission Church.

Item 13, page 57. Certain instructions are given to the Treasurer of Synod with reference to furnishing a bond as such.

Item 14, page 58. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

Item 15, page 59. Certain instructions are given to the Classes with reference to obtaining complete and accurate statistics from their Sunday-school, and giving of all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school Missions.

Item 16, page 66. The Stated Clerk is directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1897 published.

Item 17, page 66. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board to fill the vacancy that will occur in said Board next January.

Item 18, page 69. The special attention of the several

Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Item 19, page 70. The Classes are directed to send down certain specified resolutions of the Synod to each of their pastoral charges, with reference to a proper observance of the Lord's Day, to be read from their pulpits by each pastor, accompanying the reading of the resolutions with a sermon, or such remarks as will make them most effective.

Item 20, page 72. As commemorative of the Sesqui-Centennial of the Organization of the Cœtus, in 1747, the Stated Clerk is directed to have certain cuts made, and have copies of them inserted in the Minutes of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. M. Deatrick, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 12, and 13, see Article XV., Finance; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on item 3, see Article IX., Overtures; on items 4 and 5, see Article XIII., Education; items 6, 10, 14, and 17 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, and 19, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; on item 16, see Article XX., Publication, and on item 20, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburgh Synod, reporting its action on the unification of our publication interests.

Item 2. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, overturing the Synod as to the propriety of requiring its beneficiary students to furnish beneficiary bonds in future, as it has done in the past. Secondly, to change Rule 6, touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid.

Item 3. A communication from the Superintendent of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, calling the attention of the Synod to the needs of the Home.

Item 4. An official communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Northwest, informing the Synod, that the Portland-Oregon Classis had been received and enrolled by said Synod.

Item 5. A booklet by Rev. Hiram King, entitled, "Infant Baptism, Normal to the Gospel."

Item 6. A communication from the Consistory of St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., extending a cordial invitation to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in its church, the other seven English Reformed churches of Baltimore joining in the invitation.

Item 7. A communication from the Recording Secretary of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, announcing that said Board has been complying with the overture from this Synod as found recorded in last year's Minutes, page 59.

Item 8. A communication from the President and Stated Clerk of the Eastern Synod officially informing this Synod, that said Synod had elected the Rev. George W. Richards to the Chair of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and also inviting this Synod to appoint a representative to participate in the inauguration services of the Professor-elect.

Item 9. A letter from the Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, embodying certain requests from the Rev. George M. Zacharias, now in Holland, along with his report to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Ranck, *Chairman.*

Item 1 was simply placed on record. For the action of Synod on items 2, 3 and 9, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 4 and 7 were adopted; the invitation in item 6 was accepted, see Article XXIV., Adjournment. For the action of Synod on item 8, see Article XIII., Education. The booklet in item 5 was received with thanks, and ordered placed in the archives of the Synod.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From them the following items claiming your consideration have been obtained, namely:

I.—Irregularities.

1. The Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis failed to provide marginal notes, as required by the rule of Synod.

2. The Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis also failed in the same particular.

3. The Minutes of Juniata Classis are not on *legal cap* paper, nor are the pages numbered, as required by Synod's rules.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

4. Zion's Classis asks to be exonerated from $21.00 on Catawba College apportionment, this amount being interest on $350.00, raised within the bounds of the Classis for the endowment of Catawba College.

5. North Carolina Classis asks Synod to excuse it from the payment of the apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, for the Theological Seminary and for Calvin College.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

There are none.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

6. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all the subjects referred to it, but appropriated $600.00 of the amount assumed for Home Missions to the support of a mission in York, not enrolled by the Board of Missions

7. Maryland Classis declined to recommend that all the offerings on Children's Day be given to the Sunday-school Missionary Work, and took favorable action on all other matters.

8. Mercersburg Classis adopted all of the recommendations of Synod except the apportionments for Work among the Germans, for the Theological Seminary, and $100.00 of that for Beneficiary Education.

9. Virginia Classis approved Synod's recommendations, except that it assumed only $225.00 for Home Missions, $200.00 for Beneficiary Education, $20.00 for Theological Seminary, $50.00 for Catawba College, and nothing for Work Among the Germans, instead of the amounts apportioned for those objects.

10. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on all

matters referred, with the exception of apportionments which were modified as indicated in item 5, and as follows: Home Missions, $300.00; Foreign Missions, $200.00.

11. Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata Classes accepted and approved all the items referred to them, except that the last named assumed but $225.00 of the apportionment for Beneficiary Education.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

12. Zion's Classis licensed Frederick C. Seitz and George W. Shellenberger, and ordained him, ordained Licentiate A. Theodore Wright, and received Licentiate A. Theodore Wright and Rev. Henry H. Apple from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed licentiate F. C. Seitz to East Susquehanna Classis.

13. Maryland Classis received Revs. John W. Pontius and Eugene L. McLean from Juniata Classis, and Rev. Amos O. Reiter and St. Paul's Reformed congregation, Ridgely, Md., from Philadelphia Classis.

14. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Christian Gumbert from the Clarion Classis.

15. Virginia Classis received Rev. Ellis S. Hay from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and dismissed Licentiate Charles A. Bushong to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Lewis Reiter to Clarion Classis, and Rev. Calvin B. Heller to Juniata Classis.

16. North Carolina Classis ordained Licentiate Jacob N. Faust after receiving him from Goshenhoppen Classis, received Rev. Charles H. Rudesel from Ursinus Classis, Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph.D., from Juniata Classis, and Rev. L. M. Kershner from East Pennsylvania Classis.

17. Gettysburg Classis ordained Licentiate Whorton A. Kline.

18. Carlisle Classis received Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., from West Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. Henry E. Hibschman to the Presbytery of New Brunswick of the Presbyterian Church.

19. Juniata Classis ordained Licentiates Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Pœtter and Charles P. Wehr; received Licentiate Paul S. Leinbach from Lebanon Classis, Licentiate G. R. Pœtter from the German Maryland Classis, Licentiate C. P. Wehr, from Lehigh Classis, and Revs. Edward M. Beck from Tuscarawas Classis, and Calvin B. Heller from Virginia Classis; dismissed Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph.D., to Classis of North Carolina, John W. Pontius and Eugene L. McLean to Maryland Classis, Henry E. Jones to Miami Classis, Edward F. Wiest to Philadelphia Classis, and Licentiate Adolphus Walker to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.

20. Zion's Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church of Red Lion, Pa., May 16th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m. Rev. G. P. Fisher, *President;* Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk;* Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer.*

21. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Jefferson, Md., Wednesday, May 3d, A.D., 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., Rev. H. F. Dittmar, *President;* Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk;* Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer.*

22. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Williamson, Franklin county, Pa., Monday, May 1st, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. I. N. Peightel, *President;* Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

23. Virginia Classis will meet in St. John's Church of the Middlebrook charge, Augusta county, Va., Wednesday, May 10, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, *President;* Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

24. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Salisbury, N. C., Thursday, May 11th, A.D. 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Paul Barringer, *President;* Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk;* Elder M. J. Rouse, *Treasurer.*

25. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Arendtsville, Adams county, Pa., Friday, May 12th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. F. Mackley, *President;* Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

26. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pa., on Wednesday, May 11th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. C. Strock, *President;* Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

27. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of McConnelstown, Pa., May 18th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. U. Waugaman, *President;* Rev. L. Robb, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer.*

E. R. Deatrick, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 12 to 27, inclusive, were severally adopted. In regard to the request in item 4, it was, *Resolved*, That the Synod respectfully directs the attention of Zion's Classis to the fact that its request is premature, inasmuch as the benefit of its payments will not be realized for the college for the year now closed, and that therefore the request cannot be granted. The request in item 5 was not granted. Items 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, P. E. Heimer, and Elder J. Wolf, for consideration. This committee subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no Classis has a moral right to divert any apportionments, or part thereof, made to carry forward the organized work of the Church, and apply it to its own local interests, unless by the express permission of the Synod.

Resolved, That all the Classes anew be earnestly requested to accept their full apportionments, and give the people an opportunity to contribute towards the objects for which they are made.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. Rupley, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times give thanks to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His bounties and blessings vouchsafed unto us. We would at this time especially lift up our hearts unto Him in grateful praise for His gracious presence and benediction to His Church, and His people, during the synodical year now ending. Although the dark cloud of war has hovered over our nation, and brought distress in its cruel track; yet we would rejoice and give thanks to the God of Battles that this cloud has been, in a measure, dispelled, and that there is a prospect of lasting peace between these United States and Spain.

While disease and death have been abroad in the land, cutting down many of all ages, decimating the ranks of the Church and State, we thank the Great Head of the Church, that our lives have been precious in His sight, and that we are permitted to assemble here as a Synod to transact business pertaining to the upbuilding of His kingdom, and the advancement of His glory in the earth.

While sin and vice have been rampant in the earth, and while the Evil One has been active in his work of trying to undermine the faith of God's people, and to lead them away from the Church, we thank God that the Holy Spirit has been active also in convicting and convincing the children of men of their misdeeds, and leading them by His grace, through the blessed ordinances of the Church of the Redeemer into intimate communion and fellowship with Christ:—bringing them back into the Father's house and kingdom, established and instituted on the day of Pentecost, and perpetuated with unbroken succession unto the present.

The several reports which have come up to us from the Classes, comprising this Synod, all speak of faithfulness on the part of the shepherds of the flocks in caring for both the sheep and the lambs committed to their care. These reports tell us of the catechizing of the young, and the bringing them, by the solemn rite of confirmation, and the laying on of hands, into full communion and membership with the Church. They tell of the visitation of the sick, the burial of the dead, the comforting of the bereaved, the administration of the sacraments;—and the blessed enjoyment which these means of grace bring to both pastor and people,—proving a bond of union and fellowship which to them is of great comfort here, in the Church militant, and which shall be also of unending pleasure and enjoyment in the Church triumphant.

The missionary operations of the Church have been carried forward, by the several Boards in a business-like manner, and are comparatively in a healthy condition; though during the year just closed, this arm of the Church's work has felt the pressure of the financial crisis which is, unfortunately, upon us; but which, great hopes are entertained, will soon be remedied, when peace and prosperity again rule and reign over the land.

In the Educational work of the Synod much has been accomplished in the expenditure of money, for the enlargement and extension of the work, as well as the exercise of labor, in carrying forward, and promoting the great interests of caring for, and in the instruction of the young.

In comparing the statistics of the present year, with those of the past, it will be found, that while there has been an increase in the number of communicants, there has been a decrease in the additions by confirmation and certificate. Last year the whole number of additions was 2,873, while this year, according to the statistical reports from the Classes, they are only 2,464, a falling off of 409. While this is, in a sense discouraging and unaccounted for, the Reports on the State of

Religion and morals, as they come up to us from the Classes of this Synod, all breathe the spirit of loyalty to God and the Church, and speak hopefully for the future. It behooves us, as watchmen on the tower of Zion, to be vigilant and zealous in duty and service, to which God in His Providence has called us: and with God's help, labor more earnestly during the coming year to break down the kingdom of Satan, and build up the Church and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; that precious souls may be won for the Master. Let us labor while it is day, for the night of death cometh, wherein no man can work.

And now, while the health of the ministers of the Synod has generally been good, permitting them to perform the sacred duties pertaining to their holy office, it is yet the sad duty of your Committee to note the death of one of the Lord's workmen during the year that is past. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., who was born in Woodstock, Va., and was the honored and loved pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, York, Pa., for a period of forty-five (45) years, was suddenly stricken down on the Lord's Day, while making preparations for entering his pulpit to preach the everlasting Word. He was twice called to preside over the deliberations of this Synod. Having honored the Lord in his life and service, he is now, we confidently believe, enjoying the rich fruits of his labors, in the Master's presence and kingdom.

Grateful to God the Father for our creation, the Son for our redemption, and the Holy Ghost for our sanctification, it becomes us to render praise and thanksgiving, honor and dominion to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us: that finally we might attain to the saints everlasting rest.

In this faith and in this hope, let us each be ready to receive every command, and to fulfil every duty which the blessed Master lays upon us: and while we enjoin upon all our Lord's commission to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel: and be zealous in it;" so we would invoke upon all the apostle's benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all."

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Miller, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committe on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1898.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President;* Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary,* and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer.*

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 20th, 1898, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year. The Board was pained to learn that the average grade of four or five of its beneficiaries was below that of the average grade of the respective class in the college to which they respectively belong. Believing that the funds of the Church should only be given to young men, as beneficiary students, who lack neither in mental ability, nor in faithful, earnest application to their studies, or in both particulars, the Board instructed its President to address solemn, admonitory letters to each of the delinquents, warning them to be more earnest and faithful to their duties, else they would have to be dropped from the list of our beneficiary students. The large majority of the Board's beneficiaries, we are pleased to know, are striving to be faithful to their studies, and stand well in the different classes in college to which they belong.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward, during the past year, with a fair degree of prosperity and success, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The appropriations to the beneficiary students under our care have been paid, but unfortunately not as promptly as they were needed, and should have been paid, owing to the lack of funds at the time. Too many of our pastors neglect lifting their collections for this arm of church work until near the time of the annual meeting of the Classes, apparently forgetting that the beneficiary students are not in a position to wait for their stipends until the close of the academic year. The funds should be in the treasury of the Board, so that payments can be made to them regularly in each of the three sessions in the college year, and so avoid trouble and worry to the young men as well as to the Treasurer.

Three of the beneficiary students under our care and supervision have completed their studies, namely: George W. Beaver, Frederick C. Seitz, and George W. Shellenberger. They were licensed last May, and have since entered upon the active work of the holy ministry. Mr. Beaver is pastor of a charge in the Ohio Synod, Mr. Seitz, of one in the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Shellenberger is serving a pastoral charge in our own Synod.

Two young men were enrolled as beneficiary students, namely: Joshua L. Bowers, a graduate of Catawba College, who has entered the Theological Seminary at Lacaster, Pa., and Charles E. Myers, at the request of the Gettysburg Classis, and who is supported for the present year by special contributions from Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, Pa. Thirty beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by the Board, during the year to the amount of $3,416.44. At present, twenty-seven beneficiary students are on our list, who hold their Classical connection as follows: Gettysburg Classis, 6; Maryland Classis, 5; Mercersburg Classis, 4; Carlisle Classis, 4; Juniata Classis, 3; Zion's Classis, 3; Virginia Classis, 1; and North Carolina Classis, 1. They are Moses A. Kieffer, William G. Klein, and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Seniors;* John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert, and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Middlers;* Joshua L. Bowers, W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, John K. McKee, and William A. Kepner, *Seminary Juniors;* Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith, and Charles A. Waltman, *College Seniors;* Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Charles B. Heinly, and John E. Stone, *College Juniors;* John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Vernon S. Rice, and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Sophomores;* and Howard R. Miller and Charles E. Myers, *College Freshmen.* It may be proper to state, that seventeen of the above-named are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., and ten of them with the Collegeville institutions.

The Board of Education, at its late annual meeting, took action requesting former beneficiary students, when possible, to refund the moneys paid them by the Board, in order to lessen the heavy annual apportionments made upon the several Classes for this arm of church work.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the following sums as received for Beneficiary Education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same pastoral charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge, except in the case of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, $450.00; and Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, $200.00. Making $650.00.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, $85.00; Greencastle Church, $79.37; Waynesboro Charge, $70.00; Shippensburg Church, $70.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, $65.00; Mercersburg Charge, $55.00; Grindstonehill Charge, $45.00; Second Church of Chambersburg, $30.00; Loudon Charge, $15.00; Middleburg Church, $10.00; Mont Alto Charge, $8.00; St. Thomas Charge, $7.00; McConnellsburg Charge, $5.00; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, $12.00, and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.) $30.00. Making $586.37.

Maryland Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, $493.27; Rev. J. W. Santee, $10.00, and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), $25.00. Making $528.27.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, $519.73.

Zion's Classis.—First Church of York, $140.00; Paradise Charge, $100.00; Trinity Charge, $80.00; Shrewsbury Charge, $48.27; Heidelberg Church of York, $41.25; Kreutz Creek Charge, $36.36; Glen Rock Charge, $26.83; Grace Church, of York, $15.40; St. John's Charge, $9.48; and Mount Pleasant Charge, $3.85. Making $501.44.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, $78.00; Carlisle Church, $55.00; Newport Charge, $50.00; Landisburg Charge, $48.33; Mechanicsburg Church, $39.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, $32.50; Duncannon Charge, $32.00; Newburg Church, $20.20, and New Bloomfield Church, $13.00. Making $368.03.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, $200.00.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1897	$338 35
Received from Gettysburg Classis	650 00
" " Mercersburg Classis	586 37
" " Maryland Classis	528 27
" " Juniata Classis	519 73
" " Zion's Classis	501 44
" " Carlisle Classis	368 03
" " Virginia Classis	200 00
Total receipts	$3,692 19

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis	$850 00
" " " Mercersburg Classis	565 00

Paid to beneficiary students of Zion's Classis	501 44
" " " Maryland Classis	500 00
" " " Juniata Classis	450 00
" " " Carlisle Classis	450 00
" " " Virginia Classis	50 00
" " " North Carolina Classis	50 00
Postage, stationery and revenue stamps	4 45
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1898	271 30
Making	$3,692 19

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer.*

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be $271.30, on the first day of October, A.D. 1898.

T. F. HOFFMEIER,
E. R. ESCHBACH,
S. S. MILLER.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to be able to report a most successful year. The number of students enrolled for the year ending June, 1898, was one hundred and forty-six; thirty-five of whom finished the course prescribed. At the opening of this year there was a larger attendance than at any previous opening under the present management. There are now in the institution one hundred and forty-eight students. One hundred and twenty-four are boarders, and twenty-four are day scholars.

For the year ending June, 1898, the receipts of the school were $24,463.05; expenses, including salaries, $19,588.64; receipts above expenditures, $4,874.41.

The Board desire to express their appreciation of the interest which the Church is taking in this school, and hope that they may continue to merit your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to present the fifth annual report.

Since last Synod, three regular and three special meetings of the Board were held for the transaction of the business entrusted to us.

At our annual meeting in April, 1898, the Board was organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year, viz: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and A. C. McCardell, Treasurer.

Prof. Jos. H. Apple is Treasurer of the Current College Expenses and Financial Agent. Rev. E. R. Eschbach and Wm. H. Lakin, are a committee to advise and co-operate with the Treasurer in the management of the endowment funds of the college.

It affords us pleasure and gratification to report, that on June 2d, 1898, the College closed a successful year of work, and had a larger patronage than ever before.

By a reference to the catalogue, (copies of which are herewith submitted) it will be seen that there were enrolled 158 students, of which number 65 were boarders.

There were 14 regular graduates in the various courses of the literary department upon whom were conferred the several degrees to which their work entitled them, and six students were awarded the certificate of the Music Department.

The commencement exercises were of an interesting character and largely attended.

The first five-year lease of the college has terminated, and we have rounded a period in our history. These years have been in a sense preparatory to the advanced position and enlarged sphere we now occupy They may also be regarded as having been probationary. We point with satisfaction to the past and confidently refer to our Alumnæ as exponents of the character and merit of the work done.

For the year ending June 2, 1898, the gross receipts of the College were $16,630.28.

The expenses, including rent, salaries, repairs and wear and tear of equipment were $15,165.59.

The whole amount received since last report from Synod towards equipment, $370.43. The Endowment Fund has been increased to the amount of $22,628.92.

The rental of the college plant for the past year has been paid in full.

The report of the Treasurer has been duly examined and audited.

On August 1, 1898, we entered upon a second period of our lease of the college plant, which is for a term of ten years, the conditions of which are modified, s othat in addition to the $1,000 money rental hitherto paid, an additional "$500 shall be applied for tuition for pupils, at our usual rates," said pupils to be selected by the Frederick Female Seminary Board.

Since our last report we have secured the privilege of an extension of the present lease for an additional ten years after the expiration, August 1st, 1908, by the further endorsement of the lease, as follows: "May 31, 1898. By order of the Board the option is hereby granted the lessee herein above named of a further extension of the foregoing lease for ten years from August 1st, 1908, upon the terms last above mentioned.

"Witness the hand and seal of the President of the Board of Trustees of Frederick Female Seminary.

CHAS. E. TRAIL, (Seal)
President of the Board."

This secures to us the uninterrupted occupancy of the present plant up to August 1, 1918, if we desire to retain possession of the same.

The capacity of the present buildings has been materially enlarged during our occupancy, but the accommodations were still inadequate. Your Board has therefore in accordance with the authority given us one year ago, leased from August 1, 1898, for five years, with the privilege of an additional five years, from the Evangelical Reformed Church, of Frederick, Maryland, a large three-story, eighteen-room, brick building, situated a few rods west of the other college buildings, for an annual rent of $340.

Before being transferred to us, it was thoroughly equipped with a hot water plant, wiring for electric light, bathing facilities for those living there, and brightened up throughout with fresh paper and paint, at a cost of over $1,000. It will be known in the group of college buildings as Conservatory Hall.

In the expansion of our work, changes have taken place, some of which deserve to be here mentioned.

The Music Department has been transferred to Conservatory Hall and developed into the proportions of a Conservatory of Music, second only to those of the largest cities. It is in charge of Prof. Maurice G. Beckwith, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and of Central College of Music, London. He is proving himself already to be a competent and skillful director. All the teachers formerly employed in the department have been retained, making a total of five, and all are busily engaged in the work of instructing the large enrollment of music students.

The Art Department has been transferred to the third story of Conservatory Hall, and given three large, bright, cheery and connecting rooms. It continues in charge of Miss Doub, who for the past five years has given entire satisfaction and is a teacher of rare talent, skill and experience. Two instructors assist her in conducting the work of the department.

The Primary Department has been transferred to the first floor of Conservatory Hall, into comfortable, convenient and attractive quarters. It is in charge of Miss Mary R. M. Harbison, an experienced and successful teacher.

The Physical Laboratory has been given the rooms formerly occupied by the Art Department, where it is proposed, as soon as means are available, to make satisfactory provision for that branch of science.

The College Library has been placed in the room occupied by the Primary Department, which has been permanently shelved for the reception of books.

An automatic Electric Program Clock, which simultaneously rings the signals in all the college buildings, has been added to the equipment.

Additional apparatus has been added to the Gymnasium, and in its dressing room two shower baths and a tub bath have been placed.

A Post Office with lock boxes, for students and teachers, has been arranged, which adds to the convenience and satisfaction of all concerned.

The position of steward has been created, and a man whose whole time is given to the college, has been secured, and with his family resides in the east wing of Conservatory Hall.

Important additions and several necessary changes have been made in the Faculty. It is the aim of the management to maintain the highest standard and to strengthen the different departments as far as possible.

The Faculty consists, in addition to Prof Apple, the President, and Miss Alice D. Jenkins, Lady Principal, of a corps of *twelve Professors* and *ten instructors and lecturers,* all of them experienced, proficient and successful in their several lines.

This extension has materially increased our expenses, because of a larger Faculty and additional equipment, and the addition of another building, for the year upon which we have now entered.

The college resumed its work on September 5, 1898, under most favorable auspices. The enrollment at this date is in excess of any previous year at a corresponding date, being about 30 per cent. ahead of last year.

When we consider that the college has now existed but five years, and that when President Apple took charge, it was without Faculty, without patronage and with but limited equipment, and that these years have been marked by financial depression, and that now we have under our control expanded buildings, well equipped, with modern conveniences, an experienced and efficient Faculty, and a patronage that fills our rooms with boarding students, we have reason to congratulate the Church on what has been done.

We say with confidence, here is an institution under the care of the Synod of the Potomac, which not only challenges and deserves your support, but which you can without hesitation recommend to the people of any Church in the land.

Give us your active help in securing the daughters of the families of the Church who go from home for an education and give us a just proportion of the funds that are contributed for educational institutions, toward our further endowment and equipment, and you will thereby enable us to raise our standard, expand our work and increase our efficiency, the results of which will bless our homes, by enriching the lives of the future mothers, who most of all agencies will mould the character of the generations to come.

The time of service of Rev. E. R. Eschbach will expire December 31st, 1898, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Eschbach, *President*.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 25, 1898.

In connection with Item 4 of the Report on the Minutes of Synod, a statement was received from Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to aid the President of the Woman's College in securing an endowment, stating what has been done, and makng certain suggestions in regard to promoting the work of endowment. The paper was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. H. J. Macalister, J. D. Miller, and Elder J. H. Cost. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Fathers and Brethren:—Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed by Synod to assist President Apple in procuring an additional endowment for the Woman's College, would report,—

It is with gratification we note the diligent and faithful work of the committee in the performance of its duty in bringing before the people this important enterprise of the Church, and in endeavoring to awaken a more widespread interest in the hearts of the membership at large.

As the result of its labors twenty-three pastoral charges in the Classes of Juniata and Maryland have been visited by the President and members of the committee, and additional contributions to the Endowment Fund have been secured to the amount of $1815. This amount, added to that of $1,000, reported a year ago, making an increase to the fund of $2,815.

In view of the importance of this undertaking, as embodied in the considerations set forth in the committee's report, the endowment of an institution which through the able management of the President and Directors, has already proven a great success, and which has for its great object, the putting within reach of the daughters of our Church the very best educational advantages, the training of young womanhood for spheres of usefulness in the Church and the home, or as wage-earners in life, we would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Synod recast the membership of said committee, so that it shall have at least one representative from each Classis, to the end that, by reducing the territory of each member of the committee as at present constituted, the work so worthily undertaken, and so faithfully performed thus far, may be successfully carried on.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint one member each from the Classes of North Carolina, Virginia, Mercersburg and Gettysburg, on said Endowment Committee, these Classes not now being represented.

Resolved, That the Synod request the Classes to instruct the pastors of the several charges, at such times as may be most convenient, to present the claims of the Woman's College in their different congregations, and urge the patronage and assistance of the people in furthering this important interest of our Church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be hereby instructed to pay to said committee the sum of $11.20, being the amount due them as expenses to this date, over and above the offerings received from the various congregations visited by them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. MACALISTER, *Chairman.*

The committee as recast is composed of Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, A. S. Weber, H. M. J. Klein, J. P. Harner, J. D. Andrew, A. H. Hibschman and J. M. Mickly.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1897-1898.

1. The institution was opened September 9th, 1897, and was conducted without serious interruption during the entire seminary year.

2. The following persons, eight of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, were admitted to the Junior Class: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, A. K. Faust, C. T. Isenberger, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Total, 11.

3. The Middle Class consists of those who in May, 1897, were reported as members of the Junior Class, except that William D. Yearick was admitted on certificate from the School of Theology of the Moravian Church, and Robert F. Reed took his certificate of dismission to Union Theological Seminary, New York. Total, 17.

4. At the end of their middle year Edwin M. Hartman and Thaddeus G. Helm, of the graduating class, were chosen by F. and M. College to take charge of the Academy. At the opening of the current year Thomas L. Bickel, who graduated from F. and M. College in '95, was admitted to the Senior Class on certificate from the Theological Seminary of the Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.

The following are members of the Senior Class: A. O. Bartholomew, T. L. Bickel, L. M. Fetterolf, G. W. Hartman, P. S. Leinbach, G. R. Poetter, M. E. Schadt, D. E. Schaeffer, F. C. Seitz, W. D. Stoyer, V. J. Tingler. Total, 11. These all passed approved examinations and were granted the regular testimonials.

5. Rev. J. V. George, Reading, Pa., completed the postgraduate course of study, and was recommended, by the College Faculty, to the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This recommendation was favorably considered and the degree conferred.

6. The services of Claude B. Davis, A. M., Professor of Oratory in the University of Wooster, Ohio, were secured for the department of elocution during the Winter term. His method of instruction was entirely satisfactory, and the Faculty was authorized to employ him for another year.

7. Three courses of lectures by others than Seminary Professors were arranged by the Faculty. Each course consisted of three lectures, which were delivered by Rev. D. B. Schneder, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Weber. The board reiterated its action of last year on this subject.

8. The tone of spiritual and moral life pervading the body of the students was good, as was also the average grade of the students. No case of serious discipline occurred. The grade of a few students was below good, and called for the following action:

"Resolved that the Faculty be requested to call the attention of those students who are below the average grade of their respective classes to the fact, and urge them to renewed application."

9. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., the honored and efficient President of the Board, was called to his rest on April 18th, 1898, after a brief illness. His valuable services for the Church in various departments of work are so well known, and have already received public recognition, that it only remains for us to record the fact of his departure, our appreciation of his labors and our spiritual joy over the victory of his faith. Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., was elected to fill his place.

10. It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D., which occurred on September 17th, 1898. Although the health of Dr. Apple had been impaired several years ago he was better able to attend to his seminary duties during the past year, than during the previous one. It was, however, the last effort of a long, laborious and successful service; and shortly after the opening of this Fall term it became evident that we should lose the labors, if not the presence, of one who by his Christian character and friendly disposition had won the confidence and love, as by his profound thought, clear reasoning and loyalty to truth he had commanded the admiration of those who knew him. The action of the board on the death of Dr. Apple has been published.

Your attention is respectfully called to the vacancy which exists in the chair of Church History and to that clause in the charter which gives to the Eastern Synod the election of a successor, subject to the approval of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods.

11. At a special meeting held September 20th the board requested the Faculty of the Seminary to take up and carry forward Dr. Apple's work in such way as they are best able to do so, until his successor is chosen and enters upon his work.

12. Your reverend body is respectfully overturned to vote to the Board of Trustees one hundred and twenty-five ($125) dollars to pay for instruction in elocution, and sixty ($60) dollars to defray the expense incident to a supplementary course of lectures.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., September 23, 1898.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the board held two regular and one special meetings.

The special meeting was held February 1st, 1898, at which was received the proposition of Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., of Tiffin, Ohio, to give to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, securities amounting to $12,000, which, however, will not be fully available until after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Swander. The following resolution was adopted:

> "Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the Church are due to Mrs. Barbara Swander and Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., for their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and that the board accept the same with heartfelt gratitude."

The Treasurer presented his report on the Kansas Investments, which were finally disposed of by the sale of the properties, which the board had been obliged to buy. The action of the Committee on Kansas Investments was approved by the Board, and the Treasurer instructed to make a deduction on the endowment fund of $2,826.99.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 12th, 1898, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

> Whereas, The de Peyster Library Building is partly situated on Seminary ground, therefore,
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> Resolved, That the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, be authorized to grant in fee simple to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College, fifty feet of ground on College avenue the full depth of the lot for the sum of one dollar.

The attention of the Synod is called to the following resolution:

> Resolved, That the various Synods be respectfully requested to take under consideration the question of the payment of the necessary expenses of the members of the Board in their attendance upon the meetings.

The Fall meeting was held in the Seminary building on October 4th, 1898.

The following resolution was adopted:

> Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion $1,200 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, and $900 in payment of the

extraordinary expenses referred to in the special committee's report, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	$1,050 00
Pittsburgh Synod	350 00
Potomac Synod	700 00

The following action was taken on the death of Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History:

Whereas, In the Providence of God, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., has been removed by death from our Theological Seminary, in which for twenty-seven years he served as Professor of Church History; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby sorrowfully make record of his decease, and at the same time express our high appreciation of his many noble virtues as a man and of his eminent abilities and incalculable services as a Christian teacher.

Resolved, That, through our Secretary, a copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the bereaved family, along with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,
JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 4th, 1898.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Statement of Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary.

1897.	DR.		
Oct. 1.	For amount of Endowment Fund		$94,718 69
1898.			
June 22.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as purchase money for fifty feet of ground on College avenue, as per action of Seminary Board had May 12, 1898, for		1 00
			$94,719 69
1898.	CR.		
Feb. 16.	By authority of the Board of Trustees the following deductions are made, viz:		
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. L. Strohm and wife	$2,033 19	
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. R. A. Richardson and wife	543 80	
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. Isaac Fink	250 00	
			$2,826 99

1898. Oct.	1.	Amount of Endowment Fund	$91,892 70

Current Expense Account.

1898.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	For sundry incomes and interest received from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898	$6,143 34
1897.		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	By balance due Treasurer	$4,458 13
1898. Oct.	1.	By sundry salary account and bills paid to date.	6,633 97
			$11,092 10
Oct.	1.	Amount Dr. brought down	6,143 34
Oct.	1.	Amount due Treasurer	$4,948 76

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1898.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	For amount received for Seminary Aid and Elocution from Oct. 9, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898	$890 81
1898.		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	By amount charged to Treasurer in Seminary Current expense account to date	$890 81

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

1898.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is	$1,819 96
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund to date	137 27
Oct.	1.	For interest paid to date	65 99
			$203 26
1898.		Cr.	
Oct.	1.	By sundry bills and orders paid to date	81 25
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1898	$122 01

Smaltz Fund Account.

1898. Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is		$5,000 00
		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For interest received to date	$250 00	
		Cr.		
Oct.	1.	By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board	$250 00	

William A. Wilt Fund.

Amount of Fund is	$833 33

1898.				
Oct.	1.	For interest on same to date........	$41 66	

and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

		Amount of Fund is..........................		$2,000 75
1898.				
May	1.	Interest due Fund to date is.........	$14 95	

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

		Amount of Fund is..........................		$410 47

Jacob Forney Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

		Amount of Fund is..........................		$1,000 00
1898.				
Oct.	1.	By balance due Fund on interest account	$144 15	

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove in Library.

1898.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund to Oct. 1, 1898 with all interest added to principal is........................		$960 00

Henry Wirt Fund. Alcove in Seminary Library.

		Amount of Fund is..........................		$1,000 00
1898.				
Oct.	1.	By balance due Fund to date........	$103 33	

Seminary Class 1894. Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

1898.				
Oct.	1.	Sundry notes in hands of Treasurer..	$721 00	
Oct.	1.	Cash paid Treas. on account of notes	260 00	
				$981 00
Oct.	1.	By amount due Fund, interest......	$10 00	

The John Reigel Fund.

		Amount of Fund is..........................		$15,680 00
1898.				
Oct.	1.	Notes all paid and income from same accounted for in Treasurer's Account to Board.		

Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

1897.				
Oct.	1.	For amount of Fund reported.................		$29,623 19

1898.			
Oct. 1.	Received additional funds to date		241 45
			$29,864 64

Dr.

	For interest received on Fund from Oct. 1, 1897, to Sept. 13, 1898	$1,646 13	

Cr.

1898.			
Oct. 1.	By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., as per vouchers	$1,646 13	

SPECIAL.

John D. Skiles and John B. Roth, Committee.

Seminary Grounds and Building Account.

To John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Dr.

1898.			
Mar. 21.	For amount paid John W. Musser for grading and removing embankment on Pine street opened through Seminary property as per requirements of city ordinance		$198 79
Apr. 9.	For filling in ground on Lemon street		12 54
Apr. 12.	“ sodding embankment on Pine street		85 20
Apr. 26.	“ Jacob Pontz, brick bill		28 00
Apr. 26.	“ Chas. Kahl, work done		10 35
May 5.	“ filling in ground on College Avenue		26 25
May 7.	“ Chas. Kahl, work done		2 50
May 14.	“ grading and terracing on College Avenue	$10 00	
May 28.	For grading and terracing on College Avenue in full	40 00	
			50 00
May 17.	For Chas. Kahl, work done		2 10
May 24.	“ bill for horse lawn-mower for use on Seminary grounds and freight on same		63 03
May 28.	For Daniel Boas, bill for sodding on College Avenue		28 20
July 1.	For bill for painting at Professors' houses		19 00
July 21.	“ Filling in on Seminary grounds		3 75
July 26.	“ C. B. Landis, making fences		15 00
Aug. 13.	“ Brown and Andrews, work		2 25
Sept. 1.	“ ploughing, seeding and leveling Seminary grounds		16 60
Sept. 9.	For B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill		56 01
Sept. 10.	“ Stoner, Shreiner & Co., hardware		14 81
Sept. 12.	“ D. H. Miller, bill putting in bath tubs, water closets and drains in houses occupied by Thos. G. Apple, D.D., and E. V. Gerhart, D.D., as per orders of Seminary Board		250 86
			$885 24

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1898.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to examine and audit the several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we have done so and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Sept. 30, 1898.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg leave to report as follows: Catawba College enrolled 171 students in all departments the past scholastic year, yielding $2,200 in tuition, which with income from other sources paid the annual expenses. Twelve acres of land were added to the College grounds. The assets of the institution, outside of her real estate, equipments, and endowments exceed her liabilities by $302.55.

Good work was done in all the departments, and the year closed with cheering results.

The agency for securing the endowment fund of $17,000 within the bounds of the Potomac Synod was prosecuted by Rev. J. C. Leonard, Field Secretary, for sixteen months. In that time he visited all the Classes in annual session except Carlisle. All these took favorable action with reference to the college, and requested their pastors to open the way for a canvass for the proposed fund of $17,000. Nearly all the charges in Virginia Classis and some of those in Maryland, Mercersburg, Zion's and Gettysburg were canvassed. In this time also some work was done among the alumni of the college and other friends. The following is the result of the canvass in figures: Cash in the Synod, $1,818.88; bonds, $550; pledges unpaid, $626.50; cash from friends outside of the Synod, $634.73; pledges unpaid, $108. Ten subscriptions of $100 each, total, $1,000, were also secured for the Alumni Fund.

The Field Secretary reported to the Executive Committee of the Trustees the following facts: 1st. That the average amounts raised in the several charges were not sufficient to guarantee the entire fund of $17,000, should the whole Synod be canvassed. 2d. That there seemed to be a feeling entertained by many pastors in the Synod that the canvass for Catawba College should not be pressed just now, for the reason that the Synod has provided for the interest on the proposed fund by an annual apportionment of $1,000.00, while no such provision had been made for other institutions which stand in need of immediate assistance.

In view of these statements it was deemed advisable to discontinue the agency until the Synod could be informed of the situation and her advice sought.

The term of office of the following Trustees will expire at the meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Salisbury, in May, 1899, viz: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, and J. M. L. Lyerly, Hons. A. A. Shuford and S. T. Wilfong, and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. McCorkle,
President of Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Standing Committee on Education respectfully reports. The following documents were placed in their hands, viz:

1. Report of Franklin and Marshall College;
2. A synopsis of the report of Treasurer John B. Roth, of the Board of Trustees, and also report of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary;
3. Report of Board of Education of Potomac Synod;
4. Report of Regents of Mercersburg College;
5. Report of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick;
6. Report of Trustees of Catawba College;
7. Report of Calvin College, Cleveland.

It must be a matter of sincere gratification to every member of the Reformed Church and to every friend of higher Christian Education to learn from these reports that all these institutions, standing in official relation to the Synod of the Potomac, are enjoying increasing patronage and a greater degree of prosperity than at any previous period of their history. As most of these reports will be published in the Minutes of Synod we need not recapitulate their contents but will merely call attention to such points as in our judgment merit special notice or require specific action.

1. Franklin and Marshall College, the mother institution of our Church, graduated fifty-six students, or twenty-two more this year than at any previous commencement.

The death of five members of the Board of Trustees, distinguished for fidelity to the interests of the College, was a loss to be deplored not only by the Reformed Church, but by the several communities in which these deceased members respectively resided.

The completion and opening of the Watts De Peyster library was a notable event in the history of the College. We trust that the munificent gift of General De Peyster may prove an inspiration to other wealthy friends of our Reformed Church and its institutions.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following action: *Resolved,* That the Synod of the Potomac rejoices to learn that Franklin and Marshall College and Academy are enjoying enlarged prosperity and that we commend them anew to the confidence and patronage of our people.

2. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary reveals the gratifying fact that Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. Dr. John I. Swander, has given securities increasing the endowment fund of the Seminary in the amount of $12,000, which will be only fully available after the death of herself and husband. We recommend the adoption of the following action on this point:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac join the Trustees of the Seminary in a heartfelt vote of thanks to Mrs. Swander and Dr. Swander for their noble act of Christian beneficence and commend it as an example worthy of imitation by all who are endowed with a liberal amount of this world's goods.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary requests the Faculty to urge all students to greater diligence whose grades are below the general average of their respective classes. The best belongs to the Lord, and all leading denominations are demanding a higher standard of qualification in candidates for the Gospel ministry. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves the action of the Board of Visitors in urging the Seminary Faculty to require greater diligence in study on the part of all students whose grades are defective.

Resolved, That this Synod unites in deploring the death of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, President of the Board of Visitors, and Rev. Dr. Thos. G. Apple, Professor of Church History, who were both noted for long and valuable services in the work of our Church.

To meet the increased expenses of the institution in the matter of elocution and supplementary lectures by brethren outside the Faculty, the Board of Visitors requests the Synod to vote the Board of Trustees of the Seminary the sum of $185.

Resolved, That this request be granted and the Committee on Finance be directed to apportion the aforesaid amount, and also $295 toward expenses of grading the Seminary grounds and other repairs.

3. The report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac lays emphasis on the fact that great care is being

taken by the Board to raise the standard of qualification required of beneficiary students.

No discrimination is made in favor of any particular institution in bestowing its bounty as is manifest from the fact that 17 students now under care of the Board, are attending the institutions at Lancaster, and 10 are attending the institutions of Collegeville.

Resolved, That Synod heartily approves the action of the Board of Education in its efforts to raise the standard of scholarship and of mental and moral qualification in general among its beneficiaries and in its efforts to have delinquents who have given up the work of the ministry refund contributions received in the prosecution of their studies.

4. The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College contains the gratifying intelligence that out of the 148 students enrolled, over seventy per cent are boarders, and that the receipts above expenditures during the past year amount to the handsome sum of $4,874.41. The College is in a very prosperous condition and merits as it enjoys the patronage of the Reformed Church and the public at large.

5. The report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College at Frederick, Md., shows that ample provision is being made for the higher Christian education of the daughters of the Church and its friends. The institution enjoys a high degree of prosperity and is making extensive improvements in providing greater educational advantages for its students. In spite of large outlays for repairs and improvements the receipts were $1,465 above expenditures, and the number of students in attendance 30 per cent. greater than last year.

An extension of the lease on favorable terms secures the occupancy of the property twenty years longer, or until 1918, if the Board and Synod desire to retain possession.

Resolved, That Synod approves the extension of the lease and commends the Woman's College at Frederick anew to the confidence and patronage of all who have daughters to educate.

6. Catawba College is the farthest south of all our educational institutions, but like her northern sisters has enjoyed increased prosperity during the past year. One hundred and seventy-one students were enrolled during the year and there is a small surplus on hand above liabilities, amounting to $302.55.

Over $3,700 have been secured toward the Endowment Fund, in addition to $1,000 pledged to the Alumni Fund.

The Trustees of the College desire to have the opinion of Synod in regard to the propriety of continuing the endowment agency at the present time in view of the many demands upon the liberality of the Church for other educational institutions for which no apportionment is made by Synod, as in the case of Catawba College.

Resolved, That the Synod does not see its way clear to counsel the Trustees of Catawba College to proceed with the effort to collect the $17,000 endowment, pledged at the meeting of the Synod at Altoona, at this time, but it be resumed as early as possible; and that the time of suspension of the operation be not taken into account of the College for raising the fund.

7. The report of Calvin College, at Cleveland, Ohio, indicates commendable success on the part of Dr. Ruetenik and associates in the important work of training ministers to speak fluently in both the German and English languages.

Resolved, That Synod heartily approves the object and methods of Calvin College and trusts that it will receive free-will offerings from our people in addition to the $300 annual appropriation made by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

In connection with item 5 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, appointed several years ago to assist in the work of the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, begs leave to report:

1. During the past year, owing to various causes, very little was done in the proposed work. No general canvass was undertaken, and your Committee was not called upon to render any assistance.

2. It is the judgment of your Committee that the work should not be longer delayed. The continued growth and prosperity of the College are such as to demand the increased endowment and equipment; and an earnest effort should now be made to prosecute the work.

3. While the general endowment should not be abandoned, the immediate necessities demand the speedy erection of the Science Building. The Board of Trustees of the College, at the last annual meeting resolved that the building should be begun as soon as $20,000 has been secured in reliable pledges. It is desirable that the moneys needed for this building should be raised in the form of large subscriptions, without making a general canvass; and yet it is important that all our charges should be, as far as possible, interested in the work. It is, therefore, recommended that each pastor be urged to make an earnest effort within the next few months to secure an amount, at least, equal to the apportionment for Home Missions.

4. We recommend further that the Faculty and Trustees of the College be requested to provide a course in Science in addition to the course now offered.

5. It is important that the way should be opened for the Financial Secretary of the College to prosecute his work. We therefore, recommend that our pastors be urged to open the way for him to enter their fields, wherever it may be at all practicable.

6. There is one vacancy in your Committee, caused by the death of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller. If your Committee is to be continued, we recommend the appointment of Rev. H. M. J. Kline to fill the vacancy. Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and J. T. Rossiter were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, for the term of five years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer were elected members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the term of four years; and Rev. N. H. Skyles, for two years; Elders J. H. Cost and F. Geise were chosen Trustees of the Theological Seminary, for the period of six years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. P. Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly, Hon. A. A. Shuford, Hon. S. T Wilfong, and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and J. T. Rossiter, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz, for three years; Elder S. Hœflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for five years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for four years; Elder W. H. Lakin, for three years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for two years; and Elder J. E. Roller, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schæffer, for four years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and N. H. Skyles, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders Jacob H. Cost and Frank Geise, for six years; Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench, for four years; and Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for two years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board of the General Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—According to the law and custom of the Board, every fourth year there is a reorganization of this body for a new term of the Compact. This reorganization took place at Harrisburg, Pa., April 12, 1898. The members of the Board from the Eastern Synod were Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, Elder John J. Nissley, Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. T. O. Stem, Elder C. M. Bower and Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh; and those from the Synod of the Potomac were Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, Rev. Dr. C. Clever, Rev. J. F. Moyer, Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Rev. C. A. Santee and Rev. E. R. Deatrick.

The Board was organized as follows: President, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller; Secretary, Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley. To these were added Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. J. F. Moyer and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, to constitute the Executive Council, with Supt. A. C. Whitmer as a member *ex-officio*.

But alas for human plans! In three weeks' time the Board was called together in special session to elect a successor to President Miller, who died soon after the annual meeting. His sudden death was a shock to all, and the Board keenly felt the bereavement. For twenty-five years he was the honored head of this body; and"it is a noteworthy fact that in all these years he was seldom absent from a meeting, the more remarkable because he was on many Boards. As a consequence he had an immense fund of information as to its work; and his hopeful disposition was an inspiration in many an hour of discouragement. Thus now have passed away the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board as organized in 1873.

At the aforementioned special session the Board elected Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins to succeed Dr. Miller as President.

During the past year the Executive Council met quarterly, and much routine business was transacted. The missions, under its advisory care, have received needful attention, and careful disposal has been made of the moneys received. Of course all the money received on the apportionment for missions and church-building was promptly paid to the General Board. The report of Treasurer Nissley, which is part of this report, gives details which need not be here repeated. You will notice that the income from the two Synods is somewhat larger than last year, and that one legacy is reported, $190 from the estate of Miss Elizabeth Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa.

It is a pleasure to report that four missions within our bounds went off the roll in April last, namely, Woodberry, Md.; St. John's Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Luke's, Lancaster, Pa., and Trinity, Allentown, Pa.; but it is equally painful to state that for want of funds the Board has not been able to secure the enrollment of several important fields.

With the earnest prayer that God may greatly prosper the work and awaken throughout the Church still greater interest therein, the Board respectfully submits its report.

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent.*

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,632 02
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,012 89

Tohickon Classis	1,318 54	
East Pennsylvania Classis	700 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,047 31	
Lancaster Classis	1,517 51	
Schuylkill Classis	1,107 03	
East Susquehanna Classis	820 46	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,550 93	
Lehigh Classis	1,448 65	
Wyoming Classis	732 90	
Reading Classis	2,853 11	$16,741 35

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Maryland Classis	$2,958 02	
Juniata Classis	1,576 94	
Zion's Classis	316 71	
Mercersburg Classis	1,221 18	
Gettysburg Classis	675 00	
Carlisle Classis	470 48	
North Carolina	24 50	
Virginia Classis	510 95	$7,753 78

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Reformed church, Lovettsville, Va.	$ 11 00
Rev. L. F. Zinkhan	5 00
Mrs. ———	2 00
Miss Cath. Aulenbaugh, Philadelphia	1 00
Missionary Society, Annville, Pa.	15 75
Missionary Society, Hill church	10 00
Theological students, Lancaster, Pa.	25 00
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	10 00
Mrs. Louisa Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.	20 00
Faith Mission, Salisbury, N. C.	4 81
Hungarian church, New York City	5 00
Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.	10 00
Rev. G. Dokus	5 00
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.	11 50
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	12 45
First Dept. Salem Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Pa.	2 96
Mercersburg Classical Missionary Society	15 00
Juniata Classical Missionary Society	22 00
Missionary Society, Upton, Pa.	10 00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	50 00
A thank offering from a friend	5 00
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf, Spring Mills, Pa.	10 00
Reformed church, Concord, N. C.	3 50
Mrs. Geo. W. Shriver, Flourtown, Pa.	10 00
Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin, Hellertown, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. S. A. Kretzing, Broadheadsville, Pa.	5 00
Mission Band, Huntingdon, Pa.	5 00
Mrs. Geo. S. Roller, Weyers Cave, Va.	10 00
Congregation Fort Washington, Pa.	25 00
Elder J. R. Hilbush, Mahanoy, Pa.	10 00
Lizzie Allshouse, Indiana, Pa.	1 00
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa.	3 00
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	12 50
Church and Sunday-school, Reigelsville, Pa.	340 78
Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa.	38 88
Hon. M. J. Grove, Adamstown, Md.	10 00

Elder F. R. Neighbors, Adamstown, Md.	5 00	
H. C. Wagner and wife, Newville, Pa.	2 50	
Missionary Society, Woodstock, Va.	7 50	
Adaline Stout, Oreland, Pa.	10 00	
W. M. S., Mercersburg Classis	30 00	
Miss Mattie Landis, Centre Valley, Pa.	1 00	
Elder John Brewster, Huntingdon, Pa.	10 00	
Interest on Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod	1,293 00	$2,104 13
		$26,599 26

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board	$26,599 26

II.—Designated Moneys.

Reading Classis for Faith church, Reading, Pa.	$275 00	
W. M. S., Wyoming Classis, for Denver, Col.	5 00	
East Penna. Classis for Rev. W. S. Hartzell	50 00	
W. M. S. Phila. Classis, for Rev. S. H. Seem	25 00	
“ “ “ “ C. B. Alspach	20 00	
East Vincent cong. for Messiah Mission, Phila.	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. T. R. Deitz	62 00	
“ “ “ “ E. B. Lyttle	125 00	$572 00

CHICAGO MISSION.

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	$101 50	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis	4 24	$105 74

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	$ 165 50	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	1,243 46	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	265 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis	100 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis	18 42	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis	37 90	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
Mrs. Dr. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.	5 00	$1,935 28
		$2,613 02

HARBOR MISSION.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	$ 58 00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	261 40	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	92 50	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercersburg Classis	20 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis	3 09	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis	6 00	$440 99

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod	$ 34 00
J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod	551 26
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	189 00

Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis	140 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis	23 05	$937 31
		$3,991 32

Paid as designated	$572 00	
Balance due the Treasurer for Chicago Mission Sept. 23, 1897	8 08	
Paid for Chicago Mission	97 66	
Paid for Hungarian Missions	1,935 28	
Paid for Harbor Mission	440 99	
Paid for German Mission Work	937 31	$3,991 32

III.—Church Building.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897		$2,701 08
Tohickon Classis	$142 07	
Lancaster Classis	94 76	
Reading Classis	206 75	
East Susquehanna Classis	53 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	154 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	125 02	
Schuylkill Classis	43 00	
Lebanon Classis	118 13	$936 73

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Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer	$315 84	
Carlisle Classis	85 99	$401 83

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Juniata Classical Missionary Society Fund	$500 00	
W. M. S., Lancaster Classis	120 55	
Catechumen Fund	100 45	
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund	64 26	
F. G. Hobson Fund	100 00	
Emmanuel's Hanover Church-bldg. Fund, No. 5	500 00	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund	7 77	$1,393 03

LOANS REPAID.

South Norwalk, Conn.	$100 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	266 67	
Abilene, Kansas	100 00	
Steelton, Pa.	200 00	
Bridgeport, Conn.	200 00	$866 67
Transferred from interest account		139 22
		$6,438 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treasurer apportionment for church-building	$1,338 56	
Loan to Salisbury, N. C.	1,200 00	
Loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.	2,000 00	
Loan to Parryville, Pa.	500 00	

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, loan to General Board	1,000 00	
Herman Quitner, parsonage property South Norwalk, Conn.	400 00	$6,438 56

IV.—Legacy Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897	$1,273 25	
Miss Elizabeth Houtz	190 00	$1,463 25
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898		$1,463 25

V.—Interest Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897	$430 63	
Trinity church, Altoona, Pa.	38 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	9 33	
Royersford, Pa.	20 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa.	132 00	
Tioga church, Philadelphia, Pa.	40 00	
Roanoke, Va.	21 84	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.	50 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board	175 00	
Scranton bond	10 00	
Jacob S. Wagner Legacy	100 00	
St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md.	20 00	
Hummelstown National Bank	175 00	
Abilene, Kan.	18 00	
Lykens, Pa.	20 00	
York Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy	18 75	$1,278 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donation to Salisbury, N. C.	$300 00	
Balance due Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, Winchester, Va.	187 50	
Donation to St. John's church, Phila., Pa.	100 00	
Donation to Roanoke, Va.	16 60	
Taxes at Astoria, Ore.	15 61	
Expense Rev. E. S. Hay to Roanoke, Va.	30 22	
Traveling ex. of the Board, postage and stationery	94 45	
Salary Secretary and Treasurer	150 00	
Transferred to Church-building account	139 22	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898	244 95	$1,278 55

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. J. Nissley, *Treasurer.*

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 1st, 1898.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct as stated.

Ellis N. Kremer,
Calvin S. Gerhard.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 3, 1898.

The Annual Report was published and sent out to the pastors in April last. That report is of necessity somewhat lengthy. It was deemed well, therefore, to prepare a shorter report embodying the main items of the annual report. Indeed, much of this report is taken word for word from that report with here and there some additions in order to bring it up to the present date.

Perhaps, during no year of the past did the missions and missionaries do more efficient work. We can report an exceptionally prosperous year among the missions. Only one missionary was taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward, namely, Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersburg, Ind. The health of all the missionaries, with this one exception, was such that they could give their best energies to their work, and well did they perform their labors.

During the year the debt has been a matter of embarrassment to the Board. Strong efforts were put forth to reduce the debt of $22,000, which was the arrearage on April 1st, 1897. This debt has been gradually reduced until at the meeting of the Executive Committee, in July last, the amount was only $9,000. The Board now feels confident that in a reasonable time the debt will be entirely cancelled. When paid the Board will be enabled to lay hold on some of the many opportunities for expansion.

During no previous year did so many missions become self-supporting. This gives evidence of the spirit of self-helpfulness among the missions and should be a strong incentive to the Church to extend help to mission fields.

The Church feels like helping those who help themselves. The following are the missions that declared themselves self-supporting at the meeting of the board: Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple, pastor; Woodberry, Md.; McKeesport, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Paulding, O.; Astoria, Ill.; Lisbon, Ia., and Liscomb, Ia. The pastors of these missions and their people are to be congratulated by the Church for their heroic effort to become self-supporting and so relieve the Board and Church from affording any more help. Three other missions were not enrolled for the present year, as the Board felt that they could support themselves.

By the statement of Treasurer Reber we find that the income of the Board from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was $48,006.64. This includes the money for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German English Missions. This sum includes, of course, all that was received on the apportionments and also from the special effort of last year.

The last Annual Report, which was prepared prior to the annual meeting of the Board in 1897, showed a pay-roll of more than $44,000. At the annual meeting reductions were made amounting to a little over $3,000. Then one Hungarian mission was added, so that the pay-roll from April 1st, '97, to April 1st, '98, was $42,000, had all the missions been supplied with pastors. But as a number of the missions were without pastors during the year, the actual amount paid did not quite reach $40,000. Add to this $40,000 the debt of $22,000 of a year ago and you have $62,000. From this take the $48,006.64 and you have the debt of the Board on April 1st, 1898, something over

$13,000. This has since been reduced to $9,000. Beginning with the new year we have eighty-nine missions on the roll of the Board. One has been added since, namely, Connellsville, Pa. The reductions, including the missions that became self-supporting, amount to $3,735. The pay-roll, as it stands at the beginning of the Board year, without the incidental expenses, amounts to $39,495. This is considerably less than for several years past.

The General Synod apportioned $58,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English missions. By special effort $48,006.64 of this sum was raised during the last year. Without any special effort and upon the basis of the appointments alone the Church seemingly did not raise much beyond $36,000. It will, therefore, be seen that the board is now bringing the expenses down to the amount that the Church, heretofore, was willing to contribute to the cause of Home Missions. But a sufficient sum must be raised in addition to cancel the debt of $9,000, while new work should be assumed by all means. The Board, therefore, urges the Classes and Synods to impress upon the pastors the importance of paying the missionary apportionments promptly. If these are paid, the Board can pay the debt and assume some additional work.

The Harbor Mission at the port of New York, under the efficient care of Brother Sommerlatte, is doing a good work.

The Bohemian Mission, in Chicago, under Pastor Molnar, is prospering. On the first Sunday of August, 1897, the congregation was organized in regular form, forty-seven members entering the organization. Other members have been added since that time. This congregation is very much in need of a chapel or church. The Church must in some way meet this demand.

The Hungarian work is prospering. During the year some changes have taken place. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi left Cleveland, Ohio, and opened a mission in Chicago, Ill., with very flattering prospects. Rev. B. Demeter was taken from New York and placed over the mission in Cleveland, but has since returned to Hungary. Rev. Francis Csanfordi was called from Hungary and placed over the mission at Trenton, N. J., lately vacated by Gustavus Jurany. Rev. Zoltan Kuthy was transferred from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to New York City. By the death of Rev. Francis Ferenczi, of Pittsburgh, Pa., we have lost a faithful servant. Lately Mt. Carmel, Pa., was dropped from the roll. Accordingly Cleveland, O., and Pittsburgh, Pa., are at present vacant, but will soon be supplied. No department of the work is more prosperous than the Hungarian. These people come nearer helping themselves than any under the Board.

The Extension work increases in importance as the years come and go. While always important, it is more so now than ever before from the fact that the work is extending and making the need of it all the more pressing. The Church can look with satisfaction on what is being done in this department. From nothing, a few years ago, it has grown to quite respectable proportions. It has a still more extended mission in our church. During the past year the usual progress was made. Quite a number of missions have had aid extended them. We are glad to say that a number of our people have given $500 funds to this cause. Treasurer Boush reports the following sums to this cause up to date:

From apportionments	$3,376 12
On Extension Funds	4,776 25
Repaid by Missions	2,053 03
On Schlatter Fund (small sums)	197 84
Borrowed	5,100 00
	$15,503 24

The disbursements for all objects amounted to $14,503.24, leaving at this time $1,000 in the treasury.

The Church can do nothing better for her own advancement than to strongly support the Extension work. A great forward movement along the extension lines is very much needed in our Church. We believe that the Church will see the need of such funds soon and will furnish them.

The appropriations for the 90 missions on the roll of the Board on October 1st, 1898, will, in round numbers, amount to $40,000. This includes the pay of superintendents. As there are always some missions vacant, so requiring no salary during such vacancy, the $40,000 will likely meet all the extra expenses as well. If the apportionments are promptly paid all liabilities can be met and the indebtedness cancelled.

The General Synod apportioned, on the Synods, the sum of $58,000. Of this the English Synods are apportioned the following sums:

SYNODS	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hung. & Boh. Missions.	German Missions.
Eastern,	$25,100 00	$435 00	$2,500 00	$2,500 00
Potomac,	9,700 00	140 00	840 00	840 00
Ohio,	5,500 00	95 00	550 00	550 00
Pittsburgh,	4,100 00	75 00	450 00	450 00
Interior,	600 00	15 00	100 00	100 00

This apportionment remains the same for three years from the last meeting of the General Synod. We give it here merely for the use of the Synods.

The Board respectfully asks also that for church-building an apportionment of six cents per member be laid, as heretofore.

These apportionments are very moderate. They are within the reach of our people, and it is hoped that strong efforts will be made to pay them in full.

It is the desire of the board that the apportionments may be paid in order that the debt may be met and new work inaugurated. Under existing circumstances the Board can only carry forward the work as it now is, and must wait until the Church contributes additional funds to assume additional work.

It is a pity that more cannot be done, as many calls are coming for help, and many opportunities are open to us, as a Church. The Board has, however, determined upon one thing, namely, not to assume additional work until the funds are in sight with which to carry it forward.

By arrangements with the Sunday-school board the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. J. C. Horning, went to St. Louis last October and opened a Sunday-school, and has been laboring there since. The understanding between the Boards is that he shall remain there a year or two, or until the Mission Board is prepared to place a missionary at that place.

For a more complete report see the Annual Report which was published on April 1st, '98, and contains a complete roll of the Missions with such other statistics as were deemed important. This Annual Report has been sent to all the pastors in the English Synods as well as to many of the elders and others.

The Board, in conclusion, asks of the Classes, Synods and the entire church a more hearty co-operation in the Home Mission work. The work is worthy of such co-operation and the future growth of the church must depend very largely upon the efforts we now put forth for the advancement of the work. We have prospered in spite of hard times. The blessings of the Master have been upon our work. May He continue to bless us.

D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent.*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting our annual statement of the progress and condition of our missionary work in Japan, we find no special features to note. During the last year the work has gone successfully forward, with usual encouraging results. We have now some 56 points where the gospel is preached with more or less success, and souls are being won to Christ. In all, 31 have graduated from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of these are engaged as personal assistants and teachers by our several missionaries; two are engaged as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, a few have entered upon school teaching, but the most of them are engaged in preaching the gospel as evangelists. Those who are not engaged specifically as evangelists, are engaged as opportunity is afforded in some branch of Christian work. This is especially true of those who are helpers and teachers of the several missionaries. Eight graduated at the last commencement, of whom seven have already entered upon evangelistic work, while one devotes himself to teaching. Nine students were baptized during the year, while others are restrained from an open profession of Christ, by the opposition of heathen parents.

The visible results of the missionary work in Japan are materially restrained by the general absorbing interest of the people in political and commercial affairs. What, with the near approach of the time when the revised treaties will go into effect, with the far reaching commercial changes which that will effect; the gravely disturbed condition of China and Korea; and later still, the radical changes iminent in the Philippine Islands; the people feel but little incentive to give heed to the interests of religion. And yet, withal, the public prints give unmistakable evidence that in the thoughts of the people, Christianity is exerting a leavening power. As the arts and offices of Western civilization are winning acceptance, they carry with them the conviction to the thoughtful, that they are the product of the Christian religion. And the leaven is producing its fruits in the minds of the better class. During the past year, for the second time, an outspoken, active Christian was elected Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Parliament.

No new missionaries were sent out during the last year. This was not, however, for the want of applicants for appointment.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a most profitable furlough returned to the field. He landed in Japan May 3d, after a favorable journey, except that Mrs. Schneder suffered with seasickness during nearly the entire voyage. A few days on land, however, restored her to usual health.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell, who had been sent out seven years, will come home on furlough, sailing Oct. 1st. prox. She had thought of coming via India and Europe, thus completing the circuit of the world. But her contemplated arrangements failing her, she will come via San Francisco.

The board is pained to have to say, that Rev. Dr. Moore has for some time labored under severely impaired health. He has been interrupted in his most prosperous labors in the city of Tokyo and vicinity, and has been spending some time at a health resort in the mountains of Japan. His physicians advise him, that in case he is not decidedly relieved by his sojourn in the mountains, it will be necessary for him to come to America. The Board is anxiously awaiting further intelligence from him.

Rev. Hoy experienced a severe recurrence of his old ailment, the asthma. By the advice of his brethren of the Mission, approved by the board, he took a vacation, and visited China. He had scarcely reached China when his asthma left him. He returned to Japan greatly relieved, and is again as busy as ever. The results of his travels and observations in China, the church is learning from his series of letters published in the church papers. This series is not yet completed, and whatever else they may effect, one important result will accrue; they will furnish the church a most graphic account of the terrible condition, appalling miseries and imperative wants of the heathen world. God grant, that the hearts and consciences of his children in Christian lands, may be moved by the challenge, to self-denial and speedy effort for its relief.

The board has not been unmindful of the instructions given by the last General Synod, to plant a new Mission. Its inquiries have intensified its desire to carry out these instructions, and the want of the necessary means alone restrained it from doing so. The Classes, at their last annual meetings were challenged with the inquiry whether they were prepared to furnish the additional means for this new step, with the following result: Of 53 Classes replying, the answers of 17 were affirmative, with two of them qualified; 22 were negative, and 14 noncommittal or no-action. The Board will report this result to General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

The receipts of our Board show the apportionments several thousand dollars short. While the Board, aided by outside receipts was able to meet current expenses, it was unable to take the advance steps which our Japan work calls for, and it was compelled to move along at its old pace. We would again most earnestly bespeak of your Reverend Body such energetic action as will secure to our treasury at least the sum designated by General Synod as its apportionment.

By order of the board,

S. N. Callender, *Secretary*.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., September 16, 1898.

Report of Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit its report as follows:

The documents referred to us are:

1st. A report of the Board of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

2d. A report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

3d. The report of the General Board of Home Missions.

4th. The Treasurer's Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

It is gratifying to note that under the efficient management of the Board of Foreign Missions and the earnest, self-sacrificing services of our missionaries the work in Japan "has gone successfully forward with usual encouraging results" during the past year. Whilst this is true, it appears from the report that on account of the shortage of apportionments by several thousand dollars the Board found itself unable to take certain contemplated aggressive steps which are really necessary for the more rapid progress of the mission.

The Board asks the Synod to take some action, such as will secure to the treasury the sum designated by the General Synod as its apportionment.

Your Committee would therefore suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod urge the several Classes, of which she is composed, to make special efforts to raise promptly and fully the amounts apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions.

It is gratifying to learn that notwithstanding the stringency of the times the work in the home field has made commendable progress, and that four missions within the bounds of this Synod, have become self-sustaining during the past year. We note with pleasure also that one legacy of $190.00, from the estate of Miss Elizabeth Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa., has been reported.

It is at the same time to be much regretted that owing to a deficiency of funds the Boards have not been able to expand their work and to occupy new and promising points. We regret also to learn that there remains an indebtedness of $9,000 upon the Home Board.

We recommend the following for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That we commend the cause of Home Missions to the prayers and liberality of our people and urge that renewed efforts be made by the Classes to raise the amounts apportioned for Home Missions in order that the debt of $9,000 be liquidated and the Boards placed in a position to take advance steps in their operations.

The church-building work has proved to be an indispensable factor in the advance movement and is growing in importance year by year. During the year quite a number of missions have been aided by this fund.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the following apportionments as asked for by the different Boards:

For Foreign Missions	$5,100 00
For Home Missions	9,700 00
For Harbor Missions	140 00
For Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	840 00
For German Missions	840 00

We also recommend the apportionment of six cents per member for church-building, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,
J. PHILIP HARNER *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller, four years: Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, three years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, two years; and Rev. C. A. Santee, one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from Oct. 19th, 1897, to October 25th, 1898.

To amount received from Classes as follows:

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To balance on hand Oct. 19, 1897		$1,081 83
FROM MARYLAND CLASSIS.		
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$235 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	184 00	
Theological Seminary	108 50	
Catawba College	257 71	
Calvin College	71 50	
Church-building Fund	164 93	

Chicago Mission	67 00	
Harbor Missions	39 00	
Hungarian Missions	197 00	
Work among the Germans	174 00	
Schlatter Building Fund	15 00	
		$1,513 64

FROM ZION'S CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$94 43	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	92 00	
Theological Seminary	20 64	
Catawba College	23 48	
Calvin College	27 26	
		$257 81

FROM CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$29 75	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	19 00	
Theological Seminary	11 25	
Catawba College	32 00	
Calvin College	12 40	
Work among the Germans	25 00	
		$129 40

FROM JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$62 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	57 00	
Theological Seminary	96 00	
Catawba College	173 00	
Calvin College	45 00	
Harbor Missions	25 00	
		$458 00

FROM OREGON CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$15 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	10 00	
		$25 00

FROM MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$36 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	34 00	
Catawba College	100 00	
Calvin College	29 00	
		$199 00

FROM VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$26 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	20 00	
Theological Seminary	20 00	
Catawba College	126 00	
Calvin College	21 00	
Hungarian Missions	35 00	
		$248 00

FROM GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$60 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod	56 00	
Theological Seminary	86 00	
Calvin College	46 00	
		$248 00

FROM NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Catawba College	69 63	
		$69 63
Total		$4,230 31

1897.		Cr.		
Oct.	23.	By amount paid T. E. McCardell for printing election tickets at Hagerstown		$ 1 50
Nov.	16.	Paid Rev. C. Clever expenses at Hagerstown		2 60
Nov.	20.	Paid A. T. G. Appell for negatives for synodical minutes		28 85
Dec.	15.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy for Beneficiary Education		12 00
Dec.	15.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick for postage and mailing Minutes of Synod of 1897		15 00
Dec.	20.	Paid Security Title and Trust Co., of York, Pa., premium for Treasurer's bond of $35,000 for one year from Jan. 1, '98, to Jan. 1, '99, @ ¼ per cent		87 50
1898.				
Jan.	7.	Paid Church Publication Board for printing 3,000 copies of Minutes of Synod		176 00
Jan.	29.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treas., for Catawba College		29 00
Feb.	9.	Paid Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias for services rendered and to be rendered for Schlatter history		100 00
Feb.	9.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as stated clerk for synodical year of 1897		100 00
Feb.	12.	Paid Rev. J. O. Miller expenses of attending meeting of Board of Visitors of the Seminary		1 50
Feb.	19.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer for expenses of meeting of Synod at Hagerstown		25 00
Mar.	8.	Paid Israel Laucks and Rev. F. F. Bahner expenses of attending meeting of Investment Committee		1 39
May	14.	Paid Rev. Wm. H. Groh interest due on Brechbill Legacy loan		12 00
May	14.	Paid Rev. C. Clever, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting	$2 66	
May	17.	Paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting	6 00	
May	20.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting	1 50	10 16
May	17.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College		69 63
May	25.	" John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theo. Sem'y at Lancaster, Pa.		202 39
May	26.	Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treas., for Calvin Col.		166 16
May	26.	" J. A. Foil, Treas., for Catawba College		542 19
May	28.	" Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Building Fund	$164 93	
May	28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	170 00	
May	28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Harbor Missions	54 00	
May	28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Chicago Missions	67 00	
May	28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for work among the Germans	138 00	593 93
Sept.	19.	Paid Rev. J. David Miller, expenses of members of attending meeting of Board of Education		14 13
Sept.	22.	Paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors		3 00
Sept.	23.	Paid Rev. C. Clever expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors		2 61
Sept.	23.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors		3 30

Sept.	23.	Paid Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, expenses at special meeting of Board of Trustees	1 60
Oct.	13.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treas., for Contingent Fund General Synod	350 00
Oct.	13.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Harbor Missions	10 00
Oct.	13.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	62 00
Oct.	13.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for work among Germans	61 00
Oct.	13.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas., for Theo. Seminary	140 00
Oct.	14.	Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treas., balance of money on hand contributed to Calvin College	86 00
Oct.	14.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treas., balance of money on hand contributed to Catawba College	141 00
Oct.	15.	Paid C. M. Boush, Treas., amount contributed to Michael Schlatter Building Fund	15 00
Oct.	18.	Paid Geo. N. Forney, salary for one year as Treas. of Synod to Jan. 1, 1899	100 00
			$3,166 44
Oct.	25.	Cr., by balance in the hands of Treasurer	$1,063 87

NOTE.—Several of the Classical Treasurers, in violation of a rule of Synod, adopted several years ago, requiring all mission funds to be sent direct to the proper treasurers, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, sent funds to him for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Church-building, and Work among the Germans, whilst the Treasurers of the other Classes remitted their funds, according to the rule. On motion, the attention of the Classical Treasurers was called anew to this rule of the Synod.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee has carefully examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and found it correct.

The following amounts have been referred to your Committee for apportionment:

Home Missons, $9,700.00; Foreign Missions, $5,100.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, $840.00; Work among the Germans, $840.00; Beneficiary Education, $4,200.00; Theological Seminary, $845.00; Calvin College, $300.00; Catawba College, $1,000.00; Harbor Missions, $140.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, $200.00.

Your Committee suggests and recommends the following distribution of the amounts among the several Classes:

Home Missions: Maryland Classis, $2,700.00; Gettysburg Classis, $1,550.00; Juniata Classis, $1,550.00; Zion's Classis, $1,000.00; Mercersburg Classis, $1,100.00; Carlisle Classis, $800.00; Virginia Classis, $500.00; North Carolina Classis, $500.00. Total, $9,700.00.

Foreign Missions: Maryland Classis, $1,380.00; Gettysburg Classis, $760.00; Juniata Classis, $760.00; Zion's Classis, $600.00; Mercersburg Classis, $500.00; Carlisle Classis, $375.00; Virginia Classis, $350.00; North Carolina Classis, $375.00. Total, $5,100.00.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions: Maryland Classis, $210.00; Gettysburg Classis, $125.00; Juniata Classis, $125.00; Zion's Classis, $100.00; Mercersburg Classis $100.00; Carlisle Classis, $60.00; Virginia Classis $60.00; North Carolina Classis, $60.00. Total, $840.00.

Work among the Germans: Maryland Classis, $240.00; Gettysburg Classis, $135.00; Juniata Classis, $135.00; Zion's Classis, $120.00; Mercersburg Classis, $90.00; Carlisle Classis, $50.00; Virginia Classis, $40.00; North Carolina Classis, $30.00. Total, $840.00.

Harbor Missions: Maryland Classis, $30.00; Gettysburg Classis, $23.00; Juniata Classis, $22.00; Zion's Classis, $18.00; Mercersburg Classis, $17.00; Carlisle Classis, $10.00; Virginia Classis, $10.00; North Carolina Classis, $10.00. Total, $140.00.

Beneficiary Education: Maryland Classis, $976.00; Gettysburg Classis, $650.00; Juniata Classis, $675.00; Zion's Classis, $480.00; Mercersburg Classis, $469.00; Carlisle Classis, $350.00; Virginia Classis, $300.00; North Carolina Classis, $300.00. Total, $4,200.00.

Theological Seminary: Maryland Classis, $194.00; Gettysburg Classis, $136.00; Juniata Classis, $137.00; Zion's Classis, $100.00; Mercersburg Classis, $95.00; Carlisle Classis, $70.00; Virginia Classis, $60.00; North Carolina Classis, $53.00. Total, $845.00.

Catawba College: Maryland Classis, $220.00; Gettysburg Classis, $160.00; Juniata Classis, $160.00; Zion's Classis, $135.00; Mercersburg Classis, $93.00; Carlisle Classis, $70.00; Virginia Classis, $72.00; North Carolina Classis, $90.00. Total, $1,000.00.

Calvin College: Maryland Classis, $74.00; Gettysburg Classis, $46.00; Juniata Classis, $45.00; Zion's Classis, $38.00; Mercersburg Classis, $29.00; Carlisle Classis, $25.00; Virginia Classis, $23.00; North Carolina Classis, $20.00. Total, $300.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod: Maryland Classis, $51.00; Gettysburg Classis, $30.00; Juniata Classis, $31.00; Zion's

Classis, $25.00; Mercersburg Classis, $18.00; Carlisle Classis, $15.00; Virginia Classis, $15.00; North Carolina Classis, $15.00. Total, $200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd E. Coblentz, *Chairman.*

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod: Carlisle Classis, $69.98; North Carolina Classis, $35.00. Total, $104.98.

Contingent Fund of General Synod: Carlisle Classis, $33.29; North Carolina Classis, $25.00. Total, $68.29.

Catawba College: Gettysburg Classis, $170.00; Zion's Classis, $116.52; Carlisle Classis, $36.00; North Carolina Classis, $28.37; Maryland Classis, $17.29. Total, $368.18.

Calvin College: North Carolina Classis, $25.00; Zion's Classis, $10.74; Carlisle Classis, $9.60; Maryland Classis, $2.50. Total, $47.84.

In connection with item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of the Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary Endowment Fund.

The Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary Endowment Fund of Synod, begs leave to present the following report, to wit:

The Committee met in Hanover, Pa., on the 6th day of October, 1898, and carefully audited the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. They found bonds, notes and mortgages, in their judgment prudently invested, amounting to $33,900. Also a Seminary Fellowship bond of $1,000, with accrued interest thereon, amounting to $558.82, making the Fellowship Fund at the present time, $1,558.82.

The Committee would state that the original amount of the Endowment Fund was $35,650. This has been reduced by losses amounting to $1,558.10, and by $191.90 expended for premiums on securities, making the total reduction $1,750, which leaves the amount above named. The attention of Synod is called to the fact that this is $200 more than was reported last year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Barkley, *Chairman.*

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present to your reverend body the following report:

The Board held one meeting during the year, at Hanover, Pa., September 22d, 1898. The officers of the Board are Elder Jacob H. Shriver, President; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary. The Treasurer of Synod, who is also the Treasurer of the Board, reported that, as directed by the Synod at last annual meeting, he had secured as his bondsmen the York Security, Title and Trust Company for the amount of $35,000.00, at an annual cost of $87.50. The Board still holds the opinion, that the amount of the bond is unnecessarily large, involving needless expense, and would therefore again recommend to the Synod the advisability of reducing the bond from $35,000.00 to $10,000.00.

The Board also brings to the attention of the Synod the fact, that whilst the Trustees constitute the corporate body created for the purpose of holding the funds of the Synod, such as the the Professorship Endowment Fund, the Fellowship Fund, etc., the investment of these funds has been taken out of their hands, through the appointment by the Synod itself of an Investing Committee. The Board requests the Synod to consider the advisability of changing its policy in this respect, so as to allow these investments to be made by the Trustees. Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Trustees.

T. F. Hoffmeier, *Secretary.*

The following resolutions were adopted, in considering the foregoing report namely:

Resolved, That the investment of the funds be left in the hands of the Trustees, and that they be required annually to furnish the Synod with a proper audit of the endowment funds.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the necessity for a Standing Investing and Auditing Committee no longer exists, the Synod dispenses with the appointment of such committee.

The following action, instructing the Treasurer of Synod, was, after considerable discussion, adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to repay to the Board of Education the Jacob Stoudenour legacy of $200.00 for Beneficiary Education, loaned to the Synod December 15th, 1879.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod, in connection with the Trustees, be instructed to investigate the status of the Philip Brechbill legacy of $200.00, made to the Synod, the interest thereof to be paid annually to the pastor of the Reformed Church at Churchtown, Cumberland county, Pa., and which was formally accepted by the Synod, at the annual meeting held in Frederick, Md., in 1879. Vide page 13 and page 58.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Jacob D. Zehring was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years from January 1st, 1899.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder Jacob D. Zehring, for five years; Elder Jacob H. Shriver, for four years; Elder George N. Forney, for three years; Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, for two years; and Rev. Franklin F. Bahner, for one year.

ARTICLE. XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday-School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools, having received and examined the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod and the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classis of our Synod, referred to us, begs leave to offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

We note with pleasure the fact that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church has so richly rested upon this particular and important work of the Church, in that the number of scholars has increased, the spirit of benevolence has grown, the Sunday literature has improved and increased in circulation. We are also gratified to notice that in response to the action of this Synod last year, reductions in the price of several periodicals will be made next year. But that there is still room and need for improvement in various directions no one will deny. Therefore we commend the work and suggestions of the General Synod's Secretary and Board, and bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of the several Classes, pastoral charges, congregations and Sunday-schools of this Synod, in the hope that this work may continue to grow in efficiency. In view of all the facts evident from these several reports, we recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we (reiterating the action of our Synod of last year), request pastors and consistories through the Classes to exercise careful oversight over the records of the Sunday-schools and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

Resolved, That in view of the urgent desire of many of our people, we petition General Synod to reinsert in its statistical table, the number of Sunday-schools, scholars and officers and teachers.

Resolved, That all our pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and scholars be urged through the Classes to make an earnest and systematic effort to increase the number and efficiency of the membership of our Sunday-schools, and, further, That each Classis instructs its Classical Committee on Sunday-schools to hearty co-operation in the Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed schools.

Resolved, That since our Lesson Helps are now prepared with a view to the use of the Bible on the part of teachers and scholars that the Classes be requested to call the attention of pastors and Sunday-school workers to the great importance of using the Bible in studying the lessons at home and in the schools.

HIRAM J. HILLEGASS, *Chairman.*

		MEMBERSHIP.						RELATION TO CHURCH.			EDUCATION.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			
Names of Classes.	No. of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average attendance.	No. of months School open.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars received during the year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the S. S?	Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers).	No. of Books in Library.	To S. S. work of General Board.	To other Church Boards and Institutions.	To other benevolent objects.	To support of the School.
Zion's........	25	678	4424	4900	1921	12	180	542	811	24	3	7		1185	$ 10	$ 11 50		$ 1369
Maryland.....	58	1257	8076	9281	5049	11	516	2099	3678	270	25	54	1765	9503	194	976 00	$ 635	3600
Mercersburg..	22	420	2637	3031	1606	12	105	613	513	86	16	19	770	2368	60	375 00	144	1614
Virginia......	23	285	1488	1899	1061	9		498	850	52	9	21	249	1815	54	51 00	23	333
N. Carolina..	31	338	2779	3145	1665	10	450	773	846	83	4	22	273	420	8	8 00	23	401
Gettysburg...	29	466	3268	3640		11	537	582	1548	140	9	18	125	4531	38	134 00	563	878
Carlisle.......	16	274	2227	2489		12	300	1060	854	92	11	16	908	1220	53	134 00	103	1078
Juniata*.....	49	710	3423	4301				1420	1671	310					136	428 00	246	1408
	253	4428	28322	32686				7587	10771	1057	77	157	4090	21042	$553	$2107 50	$1737	$10681

*Figures of previous year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 16 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of $176.00. The increased cost over the previous year was caused by printing the cuts contained in the Minutes and the extra paper needed on which they were printed. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: With the close of the second year of its history in managing the publications for your exclusive benefit, the board is able to present some facts and figures of sufficient comparative value to draw inferences for the future. These are commended to your scrutiny and deliberation.

Under Exhibits A and B, appended to this report, giving respectively the items of receipts and expenditures and the assets and liabilities, you will be able to note the scope and results of the work for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

After deducting from the receipts of 1897 the $4,200 advanced by the treasurer for working capital, the cash receipts for 1898 show an increase of $1,337.78 over those of 1897. The expenditures for 1898 as compared with 1897 show a decrease of $1,305.19.

In arriving at the assets (Exhibit B) the same conservative methods were pursued which the board adopted as set forth in last year's report, and should in its opinion present a reasonably accurate estimate of their value. You will note in the liabilities that unpaid bills constitute an unimportant item, the business manager having adhered strictly to the instructions given by the board to pay all bills at the end of each month. It is the hope and expectation of the board to maintain this method of conducting the business. To accomplish this, however, it is imperative that the obligations contracted by its patrons should be promptly and fully paid, and to this end the timely aid and voice of the Synods and its individual members are solicited.

How serious this laxity in payment has become and how it may menace the solvency of your house is evidenced by the increasing sums due for subscriptions to the "Messenger." After two years of publishing, the amount thus owing is $5,912.16 (Exhibit B gives it as $4,434.12, being 75 per cent. of the amount actually due), an increase of $1,993.99 during the past year. During these same two years it has cost the board to edit and publish the "Messenger" $18,488.84, whilst the total cash receipts from that source for the same period have been $16,900.56, being $1,588.28 excess of expenditures over receipts. You are able to appreciate therefore the danger to be apprehended from the neglect of its patrons in meeting these debts.

If the board had in hand the $5,912.16 due for subscriptions, contemplated improvements in the editorial and publishing departments could be inaugurated, but until these debts are paid all hope for improvement, enlargement or reduction in price must remain in abeyance.

In this connection, and with the expectation of increasing the subscription list as well as facilitating collections, the Board has engaged the services of a general agent, Rev. John N. Naly, at a fixed salary and expenses, who will visit each of the Synods and systematically labor in behalf of the "Messenger" and the other interests of the Publication House. The board commends him to your cordial reception and favor.

The other items in Exhibits A and B call for little comment as they show a reasonably stable and sound condition, and it only remains to emphasize that which the figures clearly demonstrate, namely, success and prosperity can only be secured and maintained through your active aid and support and through the prompt settlement of bills due for subscriptions and purchases.

Exhibit C shows the Treasurer's report as submitted to the board at its last meeting, September 15th, 1898. By reference to his report for the previous year you will find included two notes of C. G. Fisher aggregating $950 and bonus due from Fisher estate for $900, both marked allowed by the court. These claims have been finally settled and paid by the receipt of the net sum of $391.45 as shown in the report, representing the pro rata distribution to the creditors, less charges for attorney's fees and expenses. The Board regrets to report its inability to collect anything from the Fisher estate on the claim of $3,541.06 advance subscriptions received by said estate for the "Messenger." The claim was duly presented and argued before the court, but the judge ruled in substance that the Publication Board was not obligated in law to furnish the paper to any subscriber who had paid the Fisher estate for it, and hence there could be no claim for any such voluntary act.

The Board at its last meeting passed a resolution appointing a committee to present to your reverend bodies a statement of the relations existing between this and the Sunday-school Board. It is not necessary to enlarge this report with any further reference to this subject.

Referring to the "Messenger" in its editorial department the board begs to quote, with its endorsement, the report of the editor-in-chief:

> "During the year closing with July 1, 1898, the *Reformed Church Messenger* has been issued regularly each week. One year ago we had considerable trouble in having the paper issued promptly and regularly on Thursday. Notwithstanding untiring efforts on our part we failed to do this, until we insisted upon having a new foreman at the printing office. Our request being granted, the paper at once began to appear on time, and has done so each week since then. We have succeeded in improving the appearance of the paper by removing the rules between the columns and at the top of the pages, by changing the sub-heads, and the general arrangement of the smaller contributions. By the last improvement considerable space has been saved, and the *Messenger* during the last year has contained more matter than during the two years previous. From such reports as have come to us, we are glad to state that the *Messenger* has been growing in favor with our people. During the coming year we shall endeavor to make the paper still more interesting. We expect to receive more News Items and more original contributions, without increasing the item of expense. The amount expended for editing the *Messenger* during the last year has been kept within the limit laid down by the Board.
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> "The Editor will be pleased to receive any suggestions that the Board may see fit to make."

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1899, of the terms of the following members of this board: G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod, and E. J. Durban, Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
G. S. Griffith, *President.*
Edw. J. Durban, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT A.

Business Manager's Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 1898:

Cash on hand as per last statement........................	$1,568 61
" advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer................	400 00

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.

For *Messenger*	$9,001 88	
" *Review*	551 04	
" Book Department	8,052 97	
		17,605 89
Total amount for the year		$19,574 50

EXPENDITURES.

For *Messenger*	$10,296 82	
" *Review*	663 87	
" Book Department	6,633 62	
		17,594 31
Balance cash on hand June 30, 1898		$1,980 19

EXHIBIT B.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898	$1,980 19	
Invoice of stock on hand	4,088 66	
Due on accounts in Book Store	1,195 56	
" from subscribers to *Messenger*	4,434 12	
" on advertising in *Messenger*	510 00	
" from subscribers to *Review*	240 30	
Total assets		$12,448 83

LIABILITIES.

Profits of last year	$1,820 12	
Money advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer	6,997 25	
Advance subscriptions on *Messenger*	2,250 42	
" " " *Review*	134 85	
Bills payable	140 26	
Salaries due contributors to *Messenger*	104 50	
Office salaries	34 66	
Total liabilities		11,482 06
Balance profit and loss		$966 77

EXHIBIT C.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
	On account St. Thomas Congregation Loan	$200 00
Oct. 1.	Interest Deeter Mortgage	25 00
Oct. 8.	Proceeds on claim of $950 against Fisher estate, per J. A. Reed, Attorney	209 56
Oct. 8.	Interest on mortgage, Masillon, Ohio	50 00
Oct. 8.	" " Youngstown, O.	50 00
1898.		
Mar. 29.	Interest on Blosser judgment	12 00
Mar. 29.	Rental Sunday-school Board	937 50
Mar. 29.	Interest on Deeter mortgage	25 00

Mar. 29.	Proceeds on claim against Fisher estate, per A. W. Bomberger, Attorney	141 80	
Mar. 29.	Final dividend Fisher estate	40 09	
Mar. 29.	Received on account St. Thomas Church Loan	100 00	
Mar. 29.	Interest on St. Thomas Church Loan	85 91	
			$1,876 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer per last Report	$229 14	
Expenses members at Sept. meeting of Board	60 67	
Nov. 10, 1897, cash to Rev. C. R. Ferner, Man'g'r	400 00	
Expenses members at April meeting of Board	65 65	
Invested in 5 per cent. call loan	900 00	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer	221 40	
		$1,876 86

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment, 6 per cent.	$ 200 00
Mortgage Masillon Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.	1,000 00
Mortgage Youngstown Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.	1,000 00
Mortgage Deeter Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.	1,000 00
Note St. Thomas Reformed Congregation, 5 per cent.	700 00
Call loan at 5 per cent.	900 00
Total investment account	$4,800 00
Cash in treasury	221 40
Total assets in hands of Treasurer	$5,021 40

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publications begs leave to report:

From the report of the Board of Publications we learn that its business has been seriously hindered by the failure of some of its patrons promptly and fully to meet their obligations. The aid of this Synod is solicited in helping to correct this evil. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That all the Classes of this Synod be urged to make all proper efforts to assist the Board in its endeavor to place its business on a cash basis, urging all ministers and members to make prompt payment of their subscriptions to the *Messenger* and *Review,* and to make prompt settlement of all book accounts.

The Publication Board also reports friction between itself and the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, growing out of the transfer of the Sunday-school Helps to the Sunday-school Board and out of the employment of a business manager. Your Committee does not feel competent to pass judgment on the merits of the case, neither does it believe it to be the province of this Synod at this time to pass judgment in the matter. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod deplores the misunderstanding existing between the two Boards.

Resolved, That the two Boards be requested to meet in joint session for the purpose ofcanvassing the differences existing between them, and adjusting them in an amicable and satisfactory way.

We further learn that the *Messenger* has been much improved in matter and form and that it has been steadily growing in favor with our people. In regard to the *Messenger* and the *Review* we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recommend the Reformed Church *Messenger* and the Reformed Church *Review* to all our ministers and people, and that we urge all our Classes to put forth all proper efforts to assist the Publication Board in increasing their circulation.

From the report of the Publishing Committee on the Reformed Church *Tidings,* we learn that the circulation of said paper has exceeded 19,000 copies. With reference to this publication we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we request the several Classes of this Synod to call the attention of the pastors and consistories to the Reformed Church *Tidings,* urging them to make all reasonable efforts to place it in all our families.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. C. Schaeffer, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, W. Rush Gillan, Esq., was elected a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the term of four years.

Members of the Publication Board and Terms of Service: W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for four years; and Elder S. Hœflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the

Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. I. W. Hendricks, A. Batemann, and Elders A. H. Geiman and A. A. Hammar acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to offer the following report:

There were placed in our hands the report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, together with the annual report of the Home. From these and the addresses delivered by representatives of the Bethany and St. Paul's Homes, we learn that the Homes are enjoying the blessings of divine favor, and the sympathy and support of the people of our Church.

The following facts in connection with the Homes we believe to be worthy of the attention of Synod:

There are at present in Bethany Orphan Home 130 children, of whom 15 are from the Synod of the Potomac.

There are present in St. Paul's Home 85 with arrangements for five additional. Of this number 65 are church orphans, 13 being from the Synod of the Potomac.

The indebtedness of Bethany Home is larger than at this time last year, being about $3,000.

The indebtedness of St. Paul's Home is about $11,000.

The expenses of maintaining the inmates of St. Paul's Home from within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac during the past year, were about $300 more than the amount contributed by our Synod.

Bethany is under the care of the Eastern Synod with a constituency of over 95,000 members.

St. Paul's is under the care of Pittsburgh Synod with a constituency of about 18,000 members.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we commend anew these Homes to the sympathy of our pastors and people and recommend that the offerings be increased to meet the growing demands of the institutions, keeping in mind their relative needs and resources.

Resolved, That it be especially urged that the charges within the bounds of this Synod strive to increase their offerings to St. Paul's Home, so as at least to meet the expenses of the children sent from the Synod to said Home.

Resolved, That St. Paul's Board of Managers be requested to submit to this Synod an annual report showing, among other things the financial operations of the year and that both St. Paul's and Bethany be requested to report to this Synod the amounts contributed from within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. HARNISH, *Chairman*.

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis	$176 23
Maryland Classis	139 15
Zion's Classis	73 53
Virginia Classis	65 00
Juniata Classis	47 57
Carlisle Classis	43 10
Mercersburg Classis	27 78
	$569 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to nine annuitants	$540 00

We call attention, also, to the needs of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers. The Home is open, and has one minister residing in it. It appeals for immediate help, that it may be properly maintained and successfully carried forward.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit preside over your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of its financial operations for the year closing with September 30th, 1898, for publication in the minutes of your reverend body, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

From balance in Treasury as per last report..	$2,721 29
" interest on invested fund...............	2,386 61
" loans paid	2,400 00
" collections in the churches............	1,680 80
" bequest of Mrs. C. E. Santee..........	600 00
" Pittsburgh Synod, special	400 00
" individual sources	128 15
" special appeal	107 50
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home...........	2,069 33
Total	$12,493 68

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	$3,600 00
" 45 annuitants	3,002 50
" Dan'l Stine Mem. Home................	1,855 05
" Expenses	209 96
By cash in Treasury Sept. 30, '98.............	3,826 17
Total	$12,493 68
Invested Fund	$38,850 00

The following ministers have been made members of the society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Samuel C. Long, Wm. J. Muir, James B. Stoneseifer, Samuel A. Leinbach, A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D., Silas P. Mauger, Aaron H. Leisz, Morgan A. Peters, E. W. Stonebraker, John S. Stahr, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Henry Y. Stoner, C. A. Limberg, E. D. Meixell, Silas B. Mase, Wm. H. Tussing, D. S. Stephan, Joseph A. Keller, D.D., Geo. M. Zacharias, Christopher Noss, Chas. H. Mutchler and Peter E. Heimer.

Annual Members.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzell, J. W. Grossheusch and John Vogt, D.D.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President,* Bedford, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary,* Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer,* Myerstown, Pa.

The foregoing statement was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. M. Rœder, J. C.

Leonard, and Elder J. H. Cost. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and in connection therewith a general statement of the financial operations of same would respectfully submit the following report:

From these reports we learn with pleasure that the interest in this noble cause is growing, and as a result the offerings for this cause have been more than three hundred dollars in excess of those of the previous year. Especially is it gratifying to know that the offerings from within the bounds of this Synod have exceeded the amount paid to annuitants. We recommend:

1. That these reports be published in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That this Synod hereby expresses its renewed confidence in the management of the society and heartily commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and the earnest prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

3. That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the society, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift, at least, one collection annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in the synodical year.

4. We also learn from the Treasurer's Report that the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa., is open, and has one minister residing in it; that it is in readiness for those who may apply for entrance; and that it is in need of the encouragement and help of the Church, and therefore, we recommend that the Classes be requested to direct their pastors to make an effort to secure at least five dollars in addition to be applied to the support of this home.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Roeder, *Chairman.*

In connection with item 20 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

In obedience to the instructions of the Synod, the Committee had cuts made of Michæl Schlatter and of the flagon and chalice, both bearing the date 1747, which were used at the Synodical Communion of last year, and also reduced facsimile cuts of the introductory page of the Church Register of the Conewago congregation, and the two pages of baptisms in the same volume, in the handwriting of Mr. Schlatter. These cuts or negatives were made under the supervision of the Rev. A. T. G. Apple, in Washington, D. C., at a cost of $28.85, which was paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

The plate from which the cut of the Stated Clerk was printed, was kindly loaned for the occasion by the Reformed Church Publication Board, and cost the Synod nothing.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 2 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. C. Bowman, W. Goodrich and Elder J. S. Corle. This committee reported, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, and after considerable discussion an amendment was adopted, referring the overture from the Board of Education to another committee, composed of Revs. A. Spangler, W. Goodrich, G. B. Russell, J. S. Garrison, M. M. Noacher, T. C. Strock and F. A. Rupley, D.D., to report to the next annual meeting of the Synod.

In regard to item 9 of the Report on Overtures, a motion was made and adopted, ordering the communication of Rev. G. M. Zacharias to be handed to the editor of the Reformed Church *Messenger,* who was present, for publication in the *Messenger.* The Stated Clerk was instructed to send three copies of last year's Minutes to Rev. Zacharias to be placed in the libraries designated by him in his letter. And, on motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to furnish the Rev. George M. Zacharias with the sum of one hundred dollars to enable him to prosecute his present work in Holland.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a committee of three to secure for publication copies of the addresses delivered at the Schlatter Memorial Services, held by this Synod in Hagerstown, Md., last year, by Revs. C. Cort and E. R. Eschbach, and also the address prepared by Elder John E. Roller for that occasion; provided the Synod incur no expenses in connection with the publication. The committee called for consists of Rev. C. Cort, H. Ditzler, and Prof. J. H. Apple.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, furnished the following report, which was received during the session of Wednesday afternoon, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report:

During the past synodical year but one death occurred in the ministry of our Synod.

Rev. Jacob Ott Miller, A.M., D.D.

Dr. Miller, a son of Jacob H. and Anna M. Miller, was born in Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va., December 30, 1822.

At an early age he taught school and prepared himself for college. In 1845 he entered the Sophomore class of Marshall College, graduating as valedictorian in 1848, and from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in 1850. He was licensed and ordained Oct. 13 of the same year by the Classis of Virginia, at Martinsburg, W. Va.

He served the church at Winchester, Va., until January 1, 1853, when he accepted a call to the First Reformed church of York, Pa., where he labored as a faithful and efficient pastor until the time of his death.

Dr. Miller manifested an interest in all the affairs of the Church but especially so in its educational institutions and missionary operations. Since 1856, with the exception of a few years, he was a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College. With the interruption of a few years he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster since 1873, and its President at the time of his death. He was a member of the Board of Home Missions and its President since 1871.

On August 30, 1854, Dr. Miller was married to Miss Augusta V. L. McChesney.

After a very brief illness he entered into rest April 18, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. P. Stem, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastor, consistories and members of the Woodstock charge, and also other residents of Woodstock and vicinity for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Pastor Skyles, to be read by him from the pulpits of his charge upon the first opportunity, and to be published in the papers of Woodstock.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of the Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Cumberland Valley Railroad, and the Southern Railway for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 24th, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 31st, 1898, at 3.15 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

T. Franklin Hoffmeier, *President.*

Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry	Contrib 'ns		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
Aaron Spangler	Trinity	7	593	450	272	35		8	6	6		1	12			$223	$1270	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhamer	Paradise	4	1000	939	560	71	12	99	15	6		7	22	9		640	5082	413 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Leisz	Without charge																	Host, Berks Co., Pa.
Morgan A. Peters	Without charge																	East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Francis C. Yost	Heidelberg, York	1	465	382	200	30	3	22	27	6		13	4	1	1	793	2700	202 E. Market St., York, Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher	Kreutz Creek	3	372	294	300	42	4	13	7	4		2	5	7		309	2425	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Gerny Weber	Glen Rock	3	438	369	230	15		23	4	4			5	4		758	1095	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
Hiram J. Hillegass	Shrewsbury	4	425	368	271	31		24	13	4		10	3	3	1	230	1490	Shrewsbury, York Co.. Pa.
Charles P. Kehl	St. John's	2	92	73	68	9						1	2	1	1	63	600	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
H. M. John Klein	Grace Ref'd, York	1	252	223	200	14	1	13	20	2			2	3		504	2291	Park and Hartley St., York, Pa.
George W. Shellenberger	Dillsburg	4	269	159	139											51	700	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
A. Theodore Wright	Bethany Miss., York	1																York, Pa.
Henry H. Apple	Trinity 1st Ref'd, York	1	400	350	120			30	6				9			595	3512	119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Vacant	Zion's Ref'd, York	1	443	321	280	37	1	21		3		21	9	15		218	5000	York, Pa.
Chas. P. Kehl, supply	Mt. Pleasant	2	33	28	46											25	75	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher, supply	Locust Grove Cong	1	22	18	10	1	4	4								8	275	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Vacant	Memorial Ref'd, York	1	71															York, Pa.
Total, 13.	15.	36	4875	3974	2696	285	25	257	98	35		55	73	43	3	$4417	$26515	

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.						CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Congregations.	Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate or Reprofession	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erasure of Names	Deaths, Communicants	Deaths, Unconfir.	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge																	Mercersburg, Pa.
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge																	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Reformed	1	608	523	320	27	2	29	6	54		4	24	11		$1678 50	$3675 00	Frederick, Md.
Wm. Goodrich	Clearspring	2	197	190	85	6		4	1	5			1	4		186 00	5000 00	Clearspring, Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion	1	475	381	218	11	3	12	11	4			4	1		870 00	3500 00	Hagerstown, Md.
Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.	First	1	602	454	377	27	1	36	10	3			9	8	2	580 00	2228 00	822 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier	Mt. Pleasant	3	191	160	105	6		4		7						170 00	1021 00	Mt. Pleasant, Md.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third	1	340	275	62	5		10		1		2	4	1	2	1200 00	4500 00	516 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.
Silas M. Hench	Utica	3	389	247	272	21		2	1	14	2		5	4	1	222 00	725 00	Frederick, Md.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Disabled																	
Louis F. Zinkham	Supt. Bayview																	Bayview, Baltimore, Md.
E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D.	Trinity	1	183	132	128	21	1	14	2	3		8	1	3	1	239 00	936 00	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, Md.
Barton R. Carnahan	Mt. Moriah	3	284	230	102	6	10	23	4	4		3	7			254 00	768 00	Keedysville, Washington Co., Md.
Calvin S. Slagle	Westminster	1	145	127	73	2		1	7	3			1			185 00	1963 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
Geo. A. Snyder	Christ, Hagerstown	2	317	288	169	7	2	10	7	3			1	2		266 00	1933 00	Hagerstown, Md.
Adam S. Weber	Faith	1	210	193	225	31		19	8	6		6	5	18		234 00	1919 00	130 S. Patterson Park Ave., Balt., Md.
George A. Whitmore	Thurmont	4	471	402	523	31		12	12	5		30	3	3		205 00	880 00	Thurmont, Frederick Co., Md.
A. Thos. G. Apple	Grace, Washington	1	144	105	63	4		8	8	6		1	4			113 00	865 00	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
Harry F. Dittmar	Jefferson	2	215	203	114	10		8	4	1			4	2		840 00	800 00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
George W. Snyder	Boonsboro	2	121	79	85	3	1	3	2	1			4	1		139 00	536 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.
Charles W. Levan	St. Stephen's	1	86	65	68	13	1	6	5	1				2		120 00	1104 00	306 E. 23d St., Baltimore, Md.
Hiram J. Macalister	Carroll	3	282	212	90	10	1	12	3	5		2	2	2		151 00	670 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
Atvill Conner	Glade	2	206	176	150	8	1	10	2	16			4	4		203 00	2171 00	Adamstown, Md.
William I. Stewart, B.D.	Christ, Baltimore	1	180	140	110	10	1	1	17	2		4		3		235 00	1200 00	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balt., Md.
Isaac M. Motter	Manor	3	255	228	118	13		12	5	5			1	2		2110 00	2201 00	Frederick, Md.
Lloyd E. Coblentz	St. Paul's (Eng.), Balt.	1	437	351	390	26	2	22	15	10		12	5	16	1	660 00	2818 00	304 N. Carey St., Balt., Md.
Samuel M. Roeder	Manchester	3	543	400	252	16		6	8	12		22	6	2	1	239 00	1111 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., Md.
Wm. C. Sykes	Burkittsville	2	155	127	72	4	1	3		1			6	1		108 00	800 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.
Alexander Bateman	Taneytown	2	309	289	162	17		8	12	8			3	2		196 00	1200 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md.
K. Otis Spessard	Union Bridge	3	280	240	125	14	3	16	3	4		6	6	2		143 00	620 00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.
Alfred S. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Silver Run	1	530	395	341	25		17	2	4		1	7	3		391 00	850 00	Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.
Simon S. Miller	Supt. Daniel Stine Home																	Myerstown, Pa.
Fred. W. Bald	Grace, Baltimore	1	108	93	75	33		30	14			2	1	2		40 00	634 00	110 W. Ostend St., Balt., Md.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Emmitsburg	1	155	133	73	5		2	3				5			96 00	700 00	Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md.
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Sabillasville	3	116	106	99	7		5		2		2	4	2		52 00	251 00	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., Md.
Samuel H. Dietzel	Cavetown	3	369	358	100	6	3	10	9	7			9	6		233 00	1612 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias	Without chrge																	Amsterdam, Holland.
Christopher Noss	Prof. Theo. Seminary																	Sendai, Japan.
John W. Pontius	Middletown	1	489	403	228	21	1	19	5	10		34	10		1	585 00	1175 00	Middletown, Md.
Eugene L. McLean	Grace, Frederick	1	61															Frederick, Md.
Amos O. Reiter	St. Paul's, Ridgely	1	129	112		6	3	12	11			1	3			85 00	1234 00	Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.
Supply J. W. Pontius	Fairview	1	61	44	29											23 00	10 00	
Supply T. F. Hoffmeier	Centreville, St. Peter's	1	21	9	14	2										1 00		
	N. E. Balt. Sunday-school																	
Jos. H. Apple, Lic.	Pres. Woman's College																	Frederick, Md.
R. Franklin Main, Lic.	Without charge																	Washington, D. C.
43.		64	9774	7868	5417	454	37	386	197	201	2	140	149	107	9	$13031 00	$51610 00	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge															$27 50		Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Without charge																	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Cremer, D.D.	Supply Middleburg	1	80	60	58			2		2				2		84 76	225 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.	Waynesboro	2	435	395	140	8	2	13	4	5			3	4	1	600 90	1300 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge																	Greenvillage, Franklin Co., Pa.
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge																	Zullinger, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jonas B. Shontz	2d Church, Chambersburg	1	309	261	149	17	7	21	5	4			2			291 00	1723 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Irwin M. Beaver	Grindstonehill	2	406	348	177	8	15	20	8	9		14	4	6	1	349 57	1129 19	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Church, Chambersburg	1	380	279	250	8	5	22	10	2			10	1		700 76	1617 32	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry N. Bassler	St. Thomas	4	319	273	100	18	12	21	16	6			4	2	1	130 00	1155 00	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle	1	308	284	156	8	5	11	9	2		4	7		2	432 00	2590 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hibshman	Shippensburg	1	315	279	97	11	8	13	13	6		1	5	1		560 00	1560 00	Shippensburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Charles A. Santee	Mercersburg	2	294	250	116	6	3	9	1	6			5	1		440 00	2247 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg	3	149	129	73	3	5	13	4				4	3		66 92	642 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.
Edward O. Keen	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	240	197	146	3	1	7	4				4	1		450 00	1000 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Christian Gambert	Loudon	3	239	180	90	6	2	5		2			1	2	2	94 68	680 00	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Mont Alto	3	95	75	45	2	1	4					2			44 50	147 12	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.
George R. Zacharias	Disabled																	Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
John M. North	Disabled licentiate																	
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lic. Pres. Mercersb'g Col.																	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
19.		26	3569	3010	1597	98	66	161	74	44		19	51	23	7	$4268 59	$16015 63	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.				Students for Ministry	Contribut'n		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
H. St. John Rinker	Without charge																Mauertown, Va.
John A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Martinsburg	1	365	290	200	5	5	8	10			3			$450	$1600	Martinsburg, W. Va.
John W. Rauch	Falling Waters	1	10	10	7	6	1	1		1					10	40	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Geo. G. Everhart	Shepherdstown	2	146	119	69	2	4	7	2		1	4	2		228	500	Shepherdstown, Va.
Joseph May	Without charge																Bayard, Va.
Vacant	Mt. Crawford	2	173	154	46	1	5	9	6	8	4	3			325	824	
James B. Stonesifer	Winchester	2	126	95	100	11	6	3	3	3			2		197	400	Winchester, Va.
Samuel A. Hitner	Without charge																Edinburg, Va.
Albert B. Bauman	Harrisville	2	211	136	68		3	8	3	3		1			235	532	Tom's Brook, Va.
Nehemiah H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	221	198	150	10	7	14	4	2		9			540	718	Woodstock, Va.
J. Philip Harner	Timberville	3	202	161	94	12	3	13	23	22	4	4			205	471	Timberville, Va.
Henry Ditzler	Mill Creek	4	175	146	161	7	1	9		1		8	1		197	873	Mt. Jackson, Va.
Abraham D. Wolfinger	Rockingham	4	406	328	91	10	24	18	8	5	1	11		1	540	995	Mt. Crawford, Va.
J. Silor Garrison	Edinburg	3	168	134	80	2		1	4		5	1	1		99	695	Edinburg, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe	Lovettsville	1	108	96	72	5	1	5	1			4			130	610	Lovettsville, Va.
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	2	182	145	63	3	2	9	8				1		76	674	Middlebrook, Va.
Supplied	Smithfield	1	16		8												
S. Ellis Hay	Roanoke	1	22		22										6		Roanoke, Va.
Supplied	Wiehle	1	17	10	5				2						10	105	
Vacant	Harrisonburg	1	19	15	15		1	1							25	174	
16.		33	2567	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	7	1	$3273	$9211	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.				Students for Ministry	Contribut'n		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
Thomas Long	Without charge																Salem, N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil	Without charge																Thomasville, N. C.
John Ingle	Without charge																Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Pres. Catawba College																Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	Prof. in Catawba College																Newton, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick	Without charge																Silver Hill, N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph.D.	Prof. in Catawba College																Newton, N. C.
Paul Barringer	New Gilead	2	214	186	120	10		19		1	1	4	1	1	$ 95	$350	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory	3	242	209		18	1	28	4		2	4			302	929	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.	Field Sec. Catawba College																Lexington, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Central Rowan	4	163	157	180	12		2	6	4	1		1		73	325	Crescent, N. C.
James D. Andrew	Guilford	2	350	316	136	11	3	22	1	3	21	8			150	345	Danville, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford	Without charge																Middlebrook, Va.
Harvey A. M. Holshouser	Upper Davidson	4	453	296	126	10	2	11	2	5	22	2	2	2	139	545	Lexington, N. C.
William H. McNairy	East Rowan	2	333	233	222	18	1	30	4	1	28	5	1		280	480	Rockwell, N. C.
B. Frank Davis	Without charge																Westchester, Pa.
Anthony Shulenberger	West Rowan	2	200	196	127	17	1	10	5	6	11	2	2	1	86	400	China Grove, N. C.
Clarence Clapp	Thomasville	3	176	136	38	6	11	19	6	2	20	4		2	49	907	Thomasville, N. C.
Wm. H. Stubblebine	Salisbury	1	16	16	8	1			2						12	1200	Salisbury, N. C.
Theodore C. Hesson	Lincoln	4	305	265	127	16	4	19	7	3		7	3	1	160	546	Maiden, N. C.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Lower Davidson	5	343	237	149	7		7	5			3		1	54	330	McKee, N. C.
Charles H. Reidesel	Catawba	4	162	127	60	3		3	3							169	Conover, N. C.
Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.	Newton	1	155	113	60	2			1	4	3	2	2		93	813	Newton, N. C.
Vacant	Concord	1	57	35	41	1				5		1			30	347	Concord, N. C.
J. D. Andrews, supply	Burlington	3	94	69	45				1		1				35	109	Burlington, N. C.
J. L. Murphy, supply	Mt. Bethel	1	30	20	38	1									10	30	Blowing Rock, N. C.
P. M. Trexler, supply	Lenoir	1	8		13											25	Lenoir, N. C.
23.		43	3301	2611	1480	133	23	140	47	34	110	42	12	8	$1568	$7850	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry	Contribut'n		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Berevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge																	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lancaster, Pa.																	444 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	2	392	350	380	20		6	8	6			12		1	$345	$1630	Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa.
John H. Hartman	Lischey's	4	710	625	460	44	2	31	2	11			8	12		478	2100	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
Franklin A. Guth	Jefferson	3	800	775	590	55	4	41	3	6		2	16	4	1	390	1410	Codorus, York Co., Pa.
Walter E. Krebs	Without charge																	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman	Christ Church	3	725	665	475	42	1	36	14	13		2	18	5	2	522	1200	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
George B. Resser	Emmanuel	1	420	344	185	11		16		9			3	4	1	1494	1997	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
George P. Stem	Littlestown	1	340	274	150	12		24	16	4			6	2		322	1000	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Edward D. Miller	West Manheim	2	226	194	97	9	4	14	8	2			2	2		102	450	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
J. Marion Mickly	Without charge																	McKnightstown, Adams Co., Pa.
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Cashtown	3	362	303	214	20		13	12	4			4	3		200	763	Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.
Wm. D. Lefevre	Without charge																	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Peter E. Heimer	Abbottstown	3	570	525	445	30	5	37	15	8		5	7	4		310	1320	New Oxford, Adams Co., Pa.
Milton M. Noacher	Arendtsville	2	449	408	348	21	2	7	2	4			9	1	1	346	1489	Arendtsville, Adams Co., Pa.
Marsby J. Roth	Trinity	1	501	444	370	30	7	25	22	3		30	4	16	4	192	2357	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin	4	317	275	225	11	2	24	11	5			4	3		131	1373	East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa.
Wm. A. Kline	Asst. to Rev. F. S. Lindaman																	Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.
		29	5812	5177	3919	305	27	274	113	75		39	93	56	10	$4788	$17089	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members. Communicants.	Members. Communed.	Members. Unconfirmed.	Additions. Infant Baptisms.	Additions. Adult Baptisms.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Reprofession.	Losses. Dismissed.	Losses. Excommunicated.	Losses. Erasure of Names.	Losses. Deaths—Communicants.	Losses. Deaths — Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, D.D.	New Bloomfield	1	72	70	42	10		5	6	5			3	1	2	$ 95 00	$ 375 00	New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa.
J. David Miller	Duncannon	3	230	189	82	8	6	32	8				2			189 65	530 00	Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Groh	Sulphur Spring	4	190	163	89	3	1	3	1	6		8	2			174 42	660 05	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Geo. A. House	Landisburg	4	410	316	220	13	1	13	2	12		1	5			343 00	1492 00	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	1	352	340	156	11	2	8	14	3		8	5	3		500 00	2952 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Titus C. Strock	Zion's	4	544	388	435	22	1	7	17	18		1	10	1	2	275 16	1159 30	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.
Henry H. Ranck	Mechanicsburg	1	250	190	112	12	6	11	14	4		12	6	2		238 00	1540 72	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
James M. Mullan	Newport	2	343	296	147	28	14	14	30	16		4	8			316 47	1651 00	Newport, Perry Co., Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer	Without charge																	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec. Foreign Missions																	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge																	York, York Co., Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Newburg	1	131	98	82	2				2		1	3		1	103 45	2883 47	Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
12.	9.	21	2522	2050	1365	109	31	93	62	64		35	54	7	5	$2235 15	$13243 54	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths — Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.	
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge																	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
S. Charles Stover	Dunning's Creek	3	287	225	157	15		3	7	8		2	2	7		$224 00	$ 722 00	Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.
John F. Moyer	Christ Church, Altoona	1	481	413	240	10	5	14	17	70		11	7	5		750 00	1907 00	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
Simon U. Waugaman	Greenfield	4	421	389	566	29	5	16	3	4		1	14	3		432 00	604 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Daniel G. Hetrick	Schellsburg	3	225	215	194	18		5	6	2		12	5			152 00	441 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Edward W. Stonebraker	Yellow Creek	3	246	237	102	22	26	51	9	10			12	1		212 00	1650 00	Loysburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Ambrose C. Geary	Supply Orbisonia	3	63	58	19	1		9		5			1			45 00	110 00	Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
William H. Landis	Saxton	2	148	131	100	2	2	6	4	5		1	2			125 00	575 00	Saxton, Pa.
Homer S. May	Sulphur Springs	3	382	331	279	14	1	16	7	10		14	9	3		255 00	557 00	Man's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.
Lewis Robb	Trinity Church, Altoona	1	360	312	200	16	4	17	19	3		16	1		1	335 00	2100 00	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
Louis C. Harnish	Clear Ridge	3	125	110	40	6	2	8	2	3		3	3			62 00	700 00	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.	Water Street	3	442	381	178	11	3	7	3	7		16	6	1	1	508 00	1284 00	Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Charles H. Slinghoff	McConnellstown	3	351	337	143	7	6	10	10	21		2	11	5	1	245 00	792 00	McConnellstown, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Charles E. Creitz	Huntingdon	1	290	243	110	6	2	8	13	9		6	1		1	511 00	1112 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Irwin W. Hendricks	Bedford	1	158	128	75	6		4	8	5		5	4	1		212 00	1350 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.
Thomas K. Cromer	St. Clairsville	3	350	293	182	13	6	14	2	1			7			396 00	996 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Vacant	Woodcock Valley	3	434	390	154	17	10	17	18	9		2	3	2	1	414 00	924 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Edward M. Beck	Hickory Bottom	3	355	285	122	24	3	9	6	2		2	5	1		96 00	715 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Gustavus R. Poetter	Martinsburg	2	290	248	168	2	1	2	3	14			7			211 00	942 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Calvin B. Heller	Everett	2	174	134	87	11	2	15	6	1			2			165 00	937 00	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.
Calvin P. Wehr	Friend's Cove	3	273	181		8							5	4		157 00	225 00	Charlesville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Paul S. Leinbach	Grace Mission, Altoona	1	60	50	100	3							1			12 00	310 00	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
21.		51	5915	5092	3216	241	78	240	142	189		93	108	33	5	$5519 00	$18953 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY,

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1898.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's		13	36	4875	3974	2696	285	25	257	98	35		55	73	43	3	$4417 00	$26515 00
Maryland		43	64	9774	7868	5417	454	37	386	197	201	2	140	149	107	9	13031 00	51610 00
Mercersburg		19	26	3569	2010	1597	98	66	161	74	44		19	51	23	7	4268 59	16015 00
Virginia		16	33	2567	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45		15	48	7	1	3273 00	9211 00
North Carolina		23	43	3301	2611	1480	133	23	140	47	34		110	42	12	8	1568 00	7850 00
Gettysburg		18	29	5812	5177	3919	305	27	274	113	75		39	93	56	10	4788 00	17089 00
Carlisle		12	21	2522	2050	1365	109	31	93	62	64		35	54	7	5	2235 15	13243 54
Juniata		21	51	5915	5092	3216	241	78	240	142	189		93	108	33	5	5519 00	18953 00
Synod of Potomac (Total)	8	165	303	38335	31819	20941	1699	350	1657	807	687	2	506	618	288	48	$39099 74	$160487 17
Eastern Synod	12	296	532	97849	80477	51358	5342	575	4554	2768	1456	3	1634	1627	892	96	84326 00	438416 00
Ohio Synod	6	132	230	23946	19355	6239	836	542	1120	909	534	5	697	282	89	29	17945 00	101945 00
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	81	139	18100	15346	9614	892	166	977	774	395	1	468	230	82	16	21395 58	94173 02
Synod of the Northwest	11	154	214	20943	15418	14588	1779	27	1128	799	222	15	571	297	204	33	17945 00	101945 00
German Synod of the East	5	64	56	14945	12156	11432	1997	37	853	542	77	1	572	279	260	11	9062 00	105151 00
Central Synod	5	94	123	21288	16173	11778	1146	81	971	593	213	2	667	271	150	31	13503 00	82275 00
Synod of the Interior	5	54	67	3238	2702	1511	117	72	173	170	101		114	39	15	7	4273 76	23753 52
Total 8 District Synods	57	1040	1664	238644	193446	127461	13808	1850	11433	7362	4685	29	5229	3643	1980	271	$207550 08	$1108195 71

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